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TENSIONS HIGH AS PAK AIRSTRIKES IN AFGHAN TERRITORY KILLS EIGHT

The Pakistan Army said eight terrorists were killed in 'anti-terror operations' in the border regions inside Afghanistan on Monday

A RESPONSE TO ATTACK ON ARMY OUTPOST: PAK

The airstrikes come amid heightened tensions between the two neighbours over a series of terrorist attacks in Pakistan's Balochistan province, which Islamabad has blamed on groups based in Afghanistan. Pakistan said Monday's airstrikes, which were in response to a recent attack on one of its army outposts, targeted a group allied with Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan | **P11**

STRIKE KILLED CIVILIANS, SAYS TALIBAN

- Afghan Taliban said Pakistan targeted civilian homes and claimed five women and three children were killed in the pre-dawn strike
- Tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan rose after the Taliban took power in Kabul in 2021. Pakistan said it had repeatedly urged the group to act against terror outfits operating in Afghanistan

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PAK TALIBAN FIGHTERS IN AFGHANISTAN, SAYS PAKISTAN OFFICIAL

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SC raps SBI for selective data share on bonds

Directs bank to disclose all details, including alphanumeric numbers, to the poll panel

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday directed the State Bank of India (SBI) to disclose all details related to the electoral bonds in its possession by March 21, including the unique alphanumeric numbers that can link donors to political parties.

Rapping the public sector lender over selective disclosure, the Supreme Court said it had in its February 15 verdict sought complete disclosure of all data related to electoral bonds in the bank's possession.

The bench noted the submission of senior advocate Harish Salve, who appeared for the SBI, that there is no reservation on the part of the bank in disclosing all the details of electoral bonds in its possession.

"We had asked all details to be disclosed by the SBI which includes electoral bond numbers as well. Let SBI not be selective in disclosure," the five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said.

The bank's chairperson was also directed to file an affidavit by 5 pm on March 21 stating that all details have been disclosed to the Election Commission (EC). The court went on to direct the Chief Election Commissioner to file a detailed compliance affidavit by March 21 to ensure no further complications arise over the matter.

The details sought are related to electoral bonds purchased and redeemed after April 12, 2019. The court, however, rejected a plea urging it to order the SBI to disclose details related to electoral bonds purchased and redeemed prior to this date.

"With effect from April 12, 2019, we had directed the collection of details. Everyone was put to notice at that time. This is why we did not ask for disclosure of bonds sold prior to the interim order. This was a conscious choice by the Constitution bench," the bench said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said after the March 11 order (on SBI's plea for time till June 30 to furnish details of electoral bonds to the EC), those before the court started giving press interviews deliberately embarrassing the bench. But the court said its shoulders were "broad enough" to face the broadside.

Chief Justice Chandrachud said once the court delivers a judgment, it becomes the nation's property and is open for debate. He went on to say that court was only concerned about enforcing its directions.

Plea against disclosure

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain pleas by Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India and Confederation of Indian Industry seeking to delay the disclosure of electoral bond numbers | **P12**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accompanied by BJP candidates for Davanagere Gayathri Siddeshwara and Shivamogga B Y Raghavendra, arrive at the election rally venue in Shivamogga on Monday | EXPRESS

KSE skips Modi rally in Shivamogga

Senior BJP leader KS Eshwarappa did not attend PM Narendra Modi's rally in Shivamogga on Monday, sending a strong signal to the party that he is determined to contest as an independent.

Now, Sadananda keeps 'options open'

Former CM DV Sadananda Gowda, who was denied an LS poll ticket by the BJP, said he has kept his option open of contesting from Congress. He said Congress leaders were in touch with him.

Modi: I.N.D.I.A bloc aiming to destroy Shakti concept

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday alleged that the I.N.D.I.A bloc has proclaimed to destroy the Shakti concept, which not only disrespects the Hindu dharma but also the Nari Shakti (women power). He said the opposition alliance will definitely come to know about Shakti's significance on June 4, the day Lok Sabha election results are announced.

Addressing a mega election rally in Shivamogga, covering four parliamentary constituencies of Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru-Udupi, Davanagere and Chitradurga, he said, "Nari Shakti is a symbol of Maa Shakti, which is my armour."

Quoting the example of the relationship between Chhatrapati Shivaji and Maa Bhavani, Modi said he is a devotee of Hindu religion and offers pooja to Bharata Maata, but opposition parties say they will destroy Shakti. "While the I.N.D.I.A bloc attacks the womenfolk, BJP focuses on women empowerment. Join hands with BJP," he exhorted voters.

"The British left this country, but Congress still has the mindset of the British. Even today, Congress relies on divide-and-rule policy and aims to divide the country along caste and religious lines," he said.

Referring to an earlier statement by Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh, he said, "A Congress MP makes a statement of division of North and South, exhibiting their mentality."

BJP selected a tribal woman as the President of India. BJP has ample scope to make a Scheduled Caste the chief minister. BJP is committed to provide social justice to all sections of society, he added.

Winding up his speech, Modi told the gathering that he is waiting for their guarantee that the lotus will bloom in the state. They responded saying they will. **MORE: P4**

PM calls certain Cong leader 'collection minister'

Indirectly referring to DCM DK Shivakumar, PM Narendra Modi on Monday said there is a leader in the ruling party who is a "'CM in waiting', 'Future CM', 'Super CM', 'Shadow CM', and 'Delhi Collection Minister'".

POLL PANEL TRANSFERS WEST BENGAL DGP

New Delhi: The Election Commission of India on Monday ordered the transfers of the West Bengal DGP and home secretaries in six states — Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. It also mandated the appointment of Vivek Sahay, once suspended by the poll panel, as the new Bengal police chief | **P9**

Deal struck in Bihar, BJP gets 17 seats, JD(U) 16

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

THE BJP on Monday ironed out its seat-sharing deal with National Democratic Alliance partners in Bihar, pocketing 17 of the 40 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

It emerged as the undisputed big brother in the alliance, as the JD(U) will contest from 16, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) 5 and the Hindustan Awam Morcha (HAM) and Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) one each.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP, JD(U) and the undivided LJP were part of the NDA, which won 39 of the 40 seats.

Both the BJP and JD(U) had contested from 17 seats each at that point in time.

The big headline maker this time was Chirag Paswan, son of LJP founder Ram Vilas Paswan. His faction, LJP (RV), got five constituencies, including the prestigious Hajipur, the seat held by his late dad. Chirag later said he will vacate his Jamui seat and contest from Hajipur.

Chirag's gain was Union minister Pashupati Kumar Paras's loss. Paras, the brother of Ram Vilas, is the sitting MP from Hajipur. His breakaway faction of the LJP has five seats in the outgoing Lok Sabha. Paras is expected to tap the RJD-led grand alliance in Bihar in a day or two.

BJP sources said they were trying to mollify Paras with possibly a governor's berth while accommodating his son and others from his faction in the assembly elections.

However, his party could go it alone or forge a tie-up with the opposition. The NDA deal was announced by Vinod Tawde, BJP in-charge of Bihar unit of the party.

FUN & FROLIC

Devotees celebrate Lathmar Holi at Sri Ji temple near Mathura on Monday | PTI

Bizman attacked over 'chalisa'? Police say no

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 26-year-old shopkeeper was attacked by a group of six men for reportedly playing 'Hanuman Chalisa', claiming that the loud music will disturb 'Azan' prayers. The incident happened at Siddannagalli in Halasuru Gate police limits on Sunday between 6 pm and 6.40 pm. The police, however, said that during their investigation they found that the victim was neither playing 'Hanuman Chalisa' nor the fight was over the music disturbing 'Azan' prayers.

The video of the incident went viral and netizens took to social media and poured in their comments. Taking to X, BJP condemned the incident, saying the Congress government in the state is 'anti-Hindu'.

The victim, G Mukesh, a resident of Cubbonpet, filed a police complaint against Suleman, Shanavaz, Rohith, Dyanish, Taruna and others at 10.30 pm on Sunday. Mukesh was taken to Victoria Hospital for treatment. **P4**

A CCTV footage of the group attacking the shopkeeper, in Bengaluru

Satyendar Jain back in jail after SC cancels bail

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

AAP leader and former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain on Monday returned to Tihar jail after the Supreme Court cancelled his regular bail plea and asked him to surrender immediately. He was out on interim bail on health grounds in the Delhi excise policy scam case since May 26 last year. The bail was extended multiple times on various grounds, primarily citing his health.

A two-judge bench of justices Bela M Trivedi and Pankaj Mithal declined Jain's plea to grant him at least a week to surrender, though he claimed that he continued to be unwell. "Jain arrived at Tihar jail in the evening. He was taken to jail number 7 after the formalities of lodging him in the prison were completed," a jail official said.

On December 14, 2023, the court had extended his interim bail till January 8. On January 17, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Jain, had requested regular bail claiming that the health of his client was deteriorating.

The Enforcement Directorate had registered a case against Jain, based on a CBI complaint that he had acquired movable properties in the name of various persons for which he did not give satisfactory answers.

EXPRESS READ

Bought electoral bonds in personal capacity: Shaw

Bengaluru: Biocon executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw on Monday clarified that the company did not make any political donation to any party. Shaw said she purchased electoral bonds in her personal capacity and donated to JDS and other parties | **P12**

Don't act against shops on Kannada boards: HC

Bengaluru: The Karnataka HC ordered authorities not to take precipitative action over display of 60% Kannada in name boards if the Karnataka Language Development (Amendment) Act has not come into force | **P3**

Nine killed as building collapses in Kolkata

Kolkata: A five-storey under-construction building, said to be an illegal structure, collapsed on adjoining tiled-roof shanties in Garden Reach here early on Monday, leaving nine dead and at least 15 seriously injured | **P10**

ON THE MAT

Ad-hoc panel dissolved, WFI requests to host national camps

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Monday dissolved the ad-hoc committee formed on December 27, 2023 to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI). The decision paved the way for the federation led by Sanjay Kumar Singh, considered a close associate of former WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, to take administrative control of the sport.

"The decision to dissolve the Ad-hoc Committee comes in light of the lifting of the ban on the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) by the United World Wrestling (UWW) and the successful completion of Selection Trials by the Ad-hoc Committee appointed by the IOA as per the directives of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi," said the IOA order.

Interestingly, the sports ministry — which on December 24, 2023 directed the IOA to form the ad-hoc committee three days after the Sanjay Singh-led panel won 13 out of 15 posts in the election — has not issued any order this time. The IOA also instructed WFI to appoint a "Safeguarding Committee" to address concerns of sexual harassment apart from conducting elections of the Athletes' Commission.

Soon after the order, Sanjay Singh wrote to the Sports Authority of India (SAI), requesting it to facilitate the hosting of national camps for the Asian Championships and Asian Olympic Games Qualifier scheduled next month. "The top-four (gold, silver and two bronze medallists) of the trials are eligible for the camp," Sanjay Singh told this daily.

This means Vinesh, who participated in two weight categories — 50kg and 53kg winning the first and finishing with bronze in the second — will be named as a camper. Bajrang Punia, who lost the 65kg semi-final before skipping the bronze medal bout, may miss out. Sources, however, believe he can still make it if SAI wants. "If the SAI wants to add names including that of Bajrang, it can do that," said a WFI source.

Notably, Bajrang and Vinesh, along with Sakshi Malik, spearheaded the protest against Brij Bhushan last year accusing the UP strongman of sexual harassment.

HC reserves order on Board exams

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@ Bengaluru

THE division bench of Karnataka High Court on Monday reserved its order on the appeals filed by the state government against quashing of Board examinations for Classes 5, 8 and 9 by a single judge.

A division bench of Justices K Somashekar and Rajesh Rai K reserved the order after the conclusion of the arguments by the state government and counter-arguments by the counsel of the RTE Students and Parents Association and the petitioners.

Allowing the petitions filed by the Registered Unaided Private Schools Management Association Karnataka and the Organisation for Unaided Recognised Schools, the single judge had quashed the board exams. Against this, the state government filed the appeal before the division bench which passed the interim order permitting the state government to conduct the Board examinations.

Aggrieved petitioners then approached the Supreme Court, which set aside the division bench's interim order and remitted the matter to the division bench to decide it on its merits. **CONTINUED ON: P5**

NRN gifts Infy shares worth ₹240 cr to grandson

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@ Bengaluru

INFOSYS founder NR Narayana Murthy has gifted 15 lakh shares or 0.04% stake worth over Rs 240 crore in the IT company to his four-month-old grandson Ekagrah Rohan Murty.

According to regulatory filings, Murthy gifted these shares in an off-market transaction on March 15. Following this, Murthy's holding in Infosys fell to 0.36% from 0.40%. Infosys shares on Monday closed at Rs 1,602.30 apiece on the BSE.

Ekagrah is the third grandchild of Narayana Murthy and Sudha Murty. They have two other grandchildren Krishna and Anoushka, daughters of Akshata Murty and UK PM Rishi Sunak.

Rohan Murty and his wife Aparna Krishnan announced the arrival of their baby boy in November last year.

Sudha Murty, who recently took oath as Rajya Sabha member, holds 0.83% stake worth about Rs 5,600 crore in Infosys. She holds about 3.45 crore shares as of December 31, 2023.

While their daughter holds 0.94% stake, Rohan Murty holds 1.47% stake in the IT company. Sudha Murty gave her husband Rs 10,000 as seed capital to start the company, which was founded by Murthy in 1981. From a capital of $250, it has grown to a $18.55 billion company. At the end of FY23, the company's headcount stood at 3,43,234.

In January, Infosys was recognised as the Top 3 IT services brand globally and the fastest growing IT services brand over a five-year period, according to Brand Finance. Infosys brand value has more than doubled in the last five years, and at over $14 billion in 2024, Infosys is ranked as No 145 most valuable brand in the world.

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Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

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Afternoon clouds

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Sunset 06.30 pm
Moonrise 01.53 pm
Moonset 02.22 am

As borewells go dry, tankers too find it tough to get water

Private suppliers servicing only regular customers as water yield fails to match rising demand in city

People collect drinking water from a tanker in Bengaluru on Monday | PTI

H2O heat
PART 6

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

DESPITE the government's effort to bring water tankers under its ambit, water supply to parched areas in the city's outskirts like Mahadevapura, KR Puram, Bommanahalli and RR Nagar will continue to be a concern as many private water tankers are now limiting the supply only to regular customers due to low-yielding borewells while some have stopped their business altogether.

Ravi Kumar, who has drilled a borewell on his site in Annasandra Palya and supplies water to areas like Shivananda Nagar, LBS Nagar, Gaffar Layout, Annasandra Palya, Vibhuthipura and surrounding areas in KR Puram assembly segment, said he stopped the business last month unable to meet the demand after his borewell almost dried up. "I used to supply to some apartments with a 13,000-litre capacity tanker. But this has stopped now. There is no source of water for the borewell and we have to wait for a good monsoon for underground water to recharge," said Ravi Kumar.

Narrating a similar situation, Ganesh of Vibhuthipura, who supplies water to houses in a 5,000-litre capacity tanker, is witnessing low yield of water. The yield from 30 loads per day has come down to eight and he is not even attending calls from some regular customers. "We drilled over 500 feet and have been supplying water for almost a decade. For the first time, the borewell is witnessing low yield. I have asked my regular customers to call two days in advance to book as there are many in waiting," said Ganesh.

Commenting on the situation, water conservationist and hydrologist Vishwanath Shrikantaiah said on one side the government is asking tanker owners to register with them and on the other, many tanker owners are exiting the business.

The tanker suppliers know who their regular customers are and it will not create any confusion. In many places, there is no source of water and with the existing sources, some tankers are managing to cater to their customers.

"How will the government do rationing? Tanker owners know their customers, if the government fails to handle the issue sensitively, the public will suffer, more tanker owners will exit and eventually the administration will also face consequences. Hence, instead of disturbing the existing tanker operators, the government should hire tankers from outside Bengaluru," Vishwanath suggested.

Enough water in KRS, Kabini, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

REASSURING residents on the ongoing water crisis in the city, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said there is enough water for drinking purposes as the storage in KRS and Kabini reservoirs is 11.02 tmcft and 9.02 tmcft, respectively.

He was speaking after chairing an emergency meeting on tackling the water scarcity with officials of the Urban Development Department and Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

Siddaramaiah attributed the scarcity in drinking water to the failure of borewells that take of water supply in BBMP outer limit areas like Mahadevapura, KR Puram, RR Nagar and Bommanahalli. He noted that out of 14,000 government borewells, 6,900 have gone dry, impacting 55 of the 110 villages that were merged into the BBMP. He directed the officials to drill more borewells, fill 14 major lakes from KC Valley and also hire tankers from Karnataka Milk Federation to ensure water supply to slum areas.

As there is a daily water requirement of 2,600 million litres per day (MLD), the CM said presently, BWSSB is supplying 1,470 MLD through Cauvery lines and 650 MLD through borewells. However, supply of 500 MLD water to the outer area remains a challenge as these areas were taken care of by borewells. To address the problems being faced by the public, the CM directed the officials to increase the number of control rooms.

At present, there are 142 control rooms which play a crucial role in identifying the areas impacted by water scarcity. These control rooms are ensuring that the drinking water supply needs are met. Siddaramaiah also stated that once the Cauvery Stage V becomes operational, the city can hope for an additional 775 MLD of water and by June-end, the 110 villages can expect Cauvery water supply.

The CM appealed to people to raise complaints related to water supply through the central helpline 1916.

Subramanya Kusnur

Only solution is to use treated sewage water, says expert

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

DESPITE Bengaluru going through repeated water crises and the state suffering from a severe drought, political parties fail to mention it in their manifestos, said environmentalist Benedict Paramanand.

TNIE spoke to water expert Subramanya Kusnur and Benedict Paramanand on the way out of this great water scarcity. Paramanand said it is high time parties and governments woke up to this dangerous reality that is staring people in the face.

Kusnur, who has met experts in IIT Bombay, said that since the world's potable water is limited, the only solution is treated sewage. "We have developed ways to convert about 95 per cent of sewage water back to normal water which can be used for gardening, washing cars and more importantly for recharging the aquifers and groundwater levels. Countries like Singapore have used such technology to recycle water to make it potable. But that may be a few years away for Bengaluru," he said.

"We have ways to convert raw sewage water into reusable water through scientific treatment that will not involve chemicals. It has been proven in many places. Such units can be set up at micro level in homes or macro level in cities or townships," he added.

"For those who cannot afford it in one go, there are agencies that will initially pay and the user can repay later. It is one of the largest private efforts across the world to end the crippling crisis that threatens our very existence," he added.

Food, flower waste turns into compost in this temple

ASHA N @ Bengaluru

ORGANIC compost made of flowers and kitchen waste from one of Bengaluru's famous temples — Banashankari Temple — is selling like hotcakes.

For the past three months, the temple has sold a whopping 368 kg of compost and is not able to meet the demand from the public. A kg of compost is sold for Rs 20 and the temple can supply only to those who book the compost in advance.

The temple has awarded a tender to collect the waste from the temple and convert it into compost. BR Nagendra, who supervises the collection of waste from the temple said, "Earlier, flowers, garlands, mango and plantain leaves, banana stem,s and kitchen waste used to be discarded. For the past three months, we have been collecting and converting them into organic compost."

Daily, the temple on average generates 10 kg of waste. The waste might also end up having lemon rinds and other things that cannot be converted into compost. Such things will be removed and the collected items will be dumped along with cocopeat into concrete pits on the temple premises, Nagendra said.

It will be left to turn into compost for 40 days and the fresh waste will be dumped into other concrete pits. Once the compost is ready, it will be sundried and sieved and it will be ready for sale at the temple, he said.

Nagendra said that the compost gets sold out among the devotees and is in huge demand.

"I am growing jasmine flowers, tulasi, and others in my roof garden. I have been using the temple's compost mixed with soil for the past few weeks and have been witnessing good growth," said Shashikala, a regular customer who buys compost at the Banashankari Temple.

Around 10 kg of waste generated daily at Banashankari Temple is turned to organic compost at composting pits

Rail Wheel Factory shows how to become water-rich

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

SUSTAINED environmental-friendly practices and rejuvenation of its open wells has ensured that the Rail Wheel Factory (RWF) in Yelahanka is in a comfortable position on the water front today. It self-generates the required 2 lakh litres per day for its factory, saving Rs 20.65 lakh per annum in water bills, said officials.

On an average, the RWF churns out 600 wheels, 250 axles and 250 wheel-sets daily for the Indian Railways. The sprawling factory spread across 191 acres requires lakhs of litres on a daily basis for cooling purposes at its two workshops, one of which melts steel and operates at a temperature of 1,700 degrees Celsius while the axle unit operates at 1,100 degrees Celsius.

It also requires 1 lakh litres fresh water daily for drinking purposes of its staff and their families in its two colonies.

A senior official said, "Way back in the 1980s, during the construction of the factory, four open wells were dug within our premises. They have been revived and the stormwater drain network in our factory is connected to it to recharge them." Interestingly, the wells are named after the contractors who carried out the job -- Kandhaswamy, Damodhar, Etco and Somashekar. In addition, two small open wells were dug in 2020-2021. They are also used to recharge these four wells.

"The majority of water requirements for the processing which runs to 2 lakh litres daily are supplied by Kandhaswamy and Damodhar wells on an alternative basis. Smaller wells like Etco, Somashekar and the factory STP supplement their efforts," he added.

An open well filled to the brim at the Rail Wheel Factory in Yelahanka

In addition, a sewage treatment plant that can treat up to 300 kilo litres of waste water per day was set up recently and water treated from it is used for gardening, watering of the RWF stadium and other non-potable uses. There are plans to upgrade this plant to 500 KLD and add another 100 KLD plant in the east colony, he added.

"Rainwater harvesting structures channelise rain water directly to the water network in the process," he said.

The RWF saves Rs 20.65 lakh approximately per annum through these initiatives, another official said. "The RWF also plans to go in for a water audit on its premises to minimise water losses and leakages. It will go in for additional rainwater harvesting structures or pits to further increase the groundwater table, he said.

RWF General Manager R Rajagopal said, "We believe that being environment friendly is the only to sustain growth. We have installed fume extraction systems, maintain a sprawling green belt and adopt water conservation technologies."

We have developed ways to convert about 95 per cent of sewage water back to normal water which can be used for recharging groundwater levels

Subramanya Kusnur, water expert

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

19TH March: There's another planetary pile-up on the way. Many ancient sages considered what we should do at such times. The world is changing fast, and we are all playing our part, no matter how small. We don't know where revolution will strike next. But, then, perhaps it's us who need to change, and then society will follow.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
When friends fall out, you're always the one who seems to get upset. Your planetary influences are becoming kinder and something will happen to restore your faith in human nature. You'll be experiencing social changes soon, and you may be surprised to be proved wrong on a major matter!

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
It may be some weeks before you are able to make total sense of a partner's behaviour. In the meantime, you are quite justified in pushing ahead with your own plans. But, and this is a very big but indeed, never promote your personal interests at someone else's expense.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
So much of what has been going on has been hidden from view, so it's hardly surprising that you're not fully in command of the situation. But be prepared for a friend to blurt out the truth. And, when they do, be sure to have your story ready! And keep smiling.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Quiet contemplation and solitude are advisable if at all possible, all the more so because you need time to put recent events into perspective. Try not to take on too many new commitments, otherwise you'll soon find that something has to give.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
If possible, put professional crises on hold and take advantage of opportu-nities to improve your domestic situation and family relationships. Excellent prospects will come your way if a move of home or domestic improvements are planned. Try not to be overwhelmed by too much information, though.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You were born under a sensitive sign, and you'll be mightily relieved to hear that the planets are about to cease hassling you and your friends. Expect your responsibilities at work to multiply daily, and avoid over-committing yourself until you're clear about all the options.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The Moon's helpful influence will assist you in your efforts to get a relationship back on the rails. You must take the initiative. If you're still feeling stressed at the weekend, it could be because you are not allowing yourself to let up. Relax whenever you can!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There's still a great deal on your plate and recent family changes are settling down. Don't be too unkind if a partner seems to have completely missed the point. After all, it's not long ago that you were also guilty of a misunderstanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There's definitely something bothering you at the moment, you're just not sure what it is. There's an air of mystery, and skeletons which have been in the cupboard for too long are threatening to come out. And, when they do, you will have to improvise - and fast!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Routine chores are piling up and need to be tackled without delay. This is a process you must be aware of if you are to make the most of your many talents and avoid being distracted by trivia. Professional challenges are looming, but you'll soon be able to break free with one bound.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Listen to people who are in a position to help you, especially to advise you on certain decisions which will have to be taken quite soon. In fact, it's clear that a family member has been partly responsible for your present, peculiar predicament. Maybe they can show you the way out!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
After recent difficulties and delays you may not have yet woken up to the fact that you're closer to achieving a major ambition than seemed likely a short while ago. News which you have been longing for will arrive before long, so please hang on in there.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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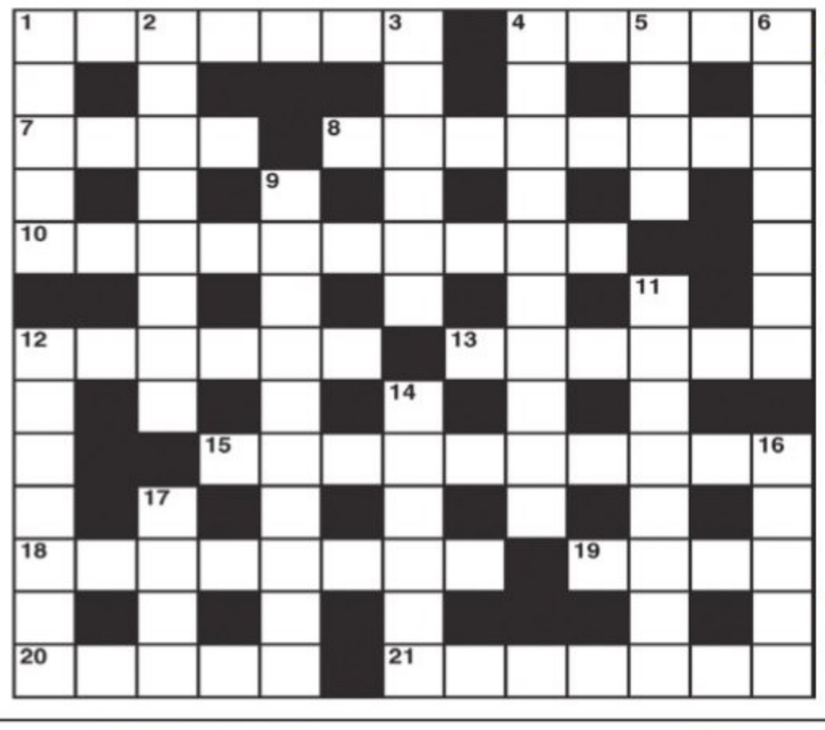
TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Institutions that train large groups of swimmers (7)
4 Raised we hear and risen we hope (5)
7 Boy about five sees another (4)
8 Jane broke a horse in for a period after Elizabeth (8)
10 Nocturnal phantom could be deadly in the open (10)
12 Kingdoms about to receive charity (6)
13 A cheering word (6)
15 Table inlaid with nacre design for a holy place (10)
18 Organic defence for the soul? (8)
19 Is such a championship never close? (4)
20 The south side is hot and humid (5)
21 They may well ruin a sea trip (7)

DOWN
1 Single issue of new coins (5)
2 Bowler for example had to agree to differ (8)
3 Was upset over the bandage (6)
4 It has a strong scent (10)
5 Still on equal terms but quits (4)
6 Power line lasting for generations (7)
9 Its owner will have impressions of many countries (5,5)
11 Coke and cannabis for a crank (8)
12 Arranged several displays (7)
14 Supported by arms or threatened by them? (4,2)
16 Birds in the wilderness (5)
17 Small yet troublesome inflammation (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Miniaturist, 9 Oratory, 10 Banjo, 11 Trek, 12 Builders, 14 Opener, 16 Versed, 18 Exporter, 19 Tsar, 22 Scrum, 23 Airport, 24 Go into space.

Down: 2 Irate, 3 Idol, 4 Try-out, 5 Rebelled, 6 Singers, 7 Controversy, 8 Considerate, 13 Ferryman, 15 Esparto, 17 Legato, 20 Stoic, 21 Grip.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Will you look at that!
Look at what he's wearing!
Are these your drawings in the Jumble?
What's a jumble?
Smile! I'll put you all in a cartoon!
WHEN THE JUMBLE CARTOONIST BEGAN SKETCHING PEOPLE AT THE PARK, HE ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FIGHT DOUGH INVEST OPAQUE
Answer: He didn't know a fathom equaled six feet because that unit of measure was — OUT OF HIS DEPTH

Akhila Karnataka Dr Rajkumar Abhimanigala Okkoota and Shivarajkumar Rajaratna Puneet Rajkumar Abhimanigala Sangha of Gadag adopted a blackbuck at Gadag Zoo, as part of the birth anniversary of late actor Puneet Rajkumar recently

KANNADA BOARDS

NO PRECIPITATIVE ACTION AGAINST BIZ, HC TELLS STATE, BBMP

Interim order to stay in operation till state government brings law into force, says court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court issued an interim order to the state government and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike not to take precipitative action against commercial, industrial and business undertakings on the display of 60% Kannada in the upper half of the name board, if the Karnataka Language Comprehensive Development (Amendment) Act 2024 has not come into force.

The state government should not insist on implementing the circular dated February 28, 2024 on sealing shops and establishments for any violations of the order, the court ordered.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the interim order after hearing a petition filed by the Retailers Association of India and others.

Advocate General (AG) Shashikiran Shetty submitted that the State's intention is not to seal any business undertaking and the Act has not come into force.

The court directed the AG to place on record on which date the Act will come into force. Till that clarification is issued , the interim order will be in force, the court said.

On the BBMP circular issued for the implementation of the Act, the petitioners stated that the enactment of impugned Act is ultra vires the Constitution as the state government has not been conferred with the power to legislate the same concerning the linguistic policy of the state in respect of residents under Article 35 of the Constitution, which does not permit imposition of language on private parties and/or for purposes and functions which are not official functions of the state.

Freedom of trade

The petitioners contended that the impugned Act and circular impinges upon the fundamental rights to freedom to trade and business under Article 19(1)(g). The clause on charging penalties is arbitrary, unreasonable and absurd. Such a requirement having retrospective effect places undue hardship on the fundamental right to freedom of trade and business, they claimed.

The petitioners brought to the notice of the court that earlier Rule 24A of the Karnataka Shops and Establishment Rules, 1963, which mandated that name boards of every establishment shall be in Kannada predominantly, was struck down by the high court in June 2009.

The latest rule aims to negate the 2009 judgment and abrogates the rights conferred on the petitioners under the Trade Marks Act 1999. Hence, the impugned Act, violative of Article 14 of the Constitution, has to be set aside, they prayed.

IMA manifesto for bigger spend on health, cut in GST burden

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE national allocation for the health sector should be increased from the existing 1.1 per cent to 5 per cent of the GDP, or at least be enhanced to 2.5 per cent. The present allocation is the lowest in the world, read the health manifesto prepared by the Indian Medical Association (IMA).

The manifesto was submitted to all political parties to be included in their election manifestos for the Lok Sabha polls.

Dr RV Asokan, national president of IMA, told *TNIE* that the allocation varies from 1.1 per cent to 1.6 per cent of the GDP, cumulatively by various governments. Also, expenditure incurred on health determinants like drinking water and sanitation should be provided separately. The manifesto says India's overall health spend (public and private) is currently estimated to be 3.8 per cent of its GDP, lower than Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC) whose average health spend is around 5.2 per cent of their GDP. India's health system is overwhelmingly financed by out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditure incurred by households (around 63 per cent of all health spending).

The manifesto also highlights the need for having a universal healthcare package instead of the present insurance model system. Asokan said every citizen should have the right to basic treatment. The main player in healthcare should be the public sector, with a tax funded model. An ill citizen should not be burdened with additional costs and taxes. While treatment for the poor is free in government hospitals, the government should sponsor their treatment in private hospitals too.

The manifesto also referred to its committee's recommendation of a model to strengthen the public sector, which is now with the Planning Commission. Dr Asokan said the government should not link facilities given at a government hospital under Ayushman Bharat. He said treatment is subsidised in government hospitals, and free for the poor. Instead, it should be given in private hospitals. The IMA's manifesto also highlights the need to reduce the GST burden. At present, patients are taxed for medicines, bed and other medical supplies.

"Instead of helping a patient, hospitals and the government are taxing them. The law needs to change, somebody has to speak up and do it. There should also be scientific costing of services in hospitals, a thorough study done and rates fixed. Today, hospitals charge hefty rates, burdening patients," he added.

Following the Election Commission's recommendations, officials depute government vehicles for election duty in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

FOR FREE & FAIR POLLS...

With Lok Sabha elections fast approaching, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer is taking various steps to prevent the misuse of money and distribution of freebies to woo voters since the announcement of polls on March 16.

- 2,357 Flying Squads in action
- 2,669 Static Surveillance Teams
- 1,34,307 wall writings, posters, banners, other defacements removed in the last 48 hours
- ₹15,89,33,648 worth seizures seized by police, income tax, excise and others
- 70 FIRs filed so far
- 29,332 arms deposited; 824 arms impounded
- 1,350 cases booked under preventive sections of the CrPC; 699 non-bailable warrants issued
- 1,71,584 litres of beer worth ₹3.99 crore seized in Chamarajanagara, in Mysuru; In another instance, 1,64,268 litres of beer worth ₹3.85 cr seized in same constituency
- 1,26,498 litres of liquor worth ₹6.23 cr and ₹20,00,000 in cash seized in Chikkaballapura

Murder accused hotelier shot at for attacking cop

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

KAGGALIPURA police shot a 50-year-old murder accused in the leg, after he allegedly attacked a policeman during a spot mahazar. The accused, S Somesha, a resident of Sarakki in JP Nagar 1st Stage, is a rowdy sheeter in JP Nagar police station. He was absconding in Uttar Pradesh after killing his close friend in December last year. On credible information, police arrested him in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, and brought him to Kaggalipura police station early on Saturday. After completing the arrest formalities, they took him to the place where he had disposed of the body, and the weapon used to commit the offence.

Police said Somesha was taken to Smashana Road in Uttarahalli, Bengaluru South, on Saturday afternoon, when he allegedly attacked a head constable, Medappa (40), in a bid to escape. He was shot in his left leg and shifted to Kaggalipura Government Hospital for surgery. The accused, a hotelier, is said to be involved in four other murder cases, besides other heinous crimes. "On December 5 last year, the accused killed his friend Ayyappan Chilladorai Thevar, who had taken money from Somesha to start hotels at Anjanapura and Mumbai, and failed to return it. After incurring loss in business, Thevar was unable to return the money, and despite this, he sought financial help from the accused again. Frustrated over this, the accused and two others had strangled Thevar to death using a cable wire. The accused had then disposed of the body on Kaggalipura Tank Bund. The weapon was thrown inside a eucalyptus grove on Bannerghatta Road. Somesha then travelled towards Hubballi and had burnt the clothes that he wore at the time of the murder," said an officer.

Warehouse fire guts goods worth crores

ENS @Bengaluru

A major fire broke out at a warehouse near Byrathi early on Monday morning. While there were no reports of casualties, goods worth several crores of rupees were gutted. The prevailing water scarcity affected the operations of fire tenders as they had to fetch water from swimming pools and apartments.

The incident took place at a warehouse run by Gayatri Associates, for storing materials destined for shipment to various supermarkets. The fire erupted around 4 am and the security immediately alerted the fire department and police. More than 10 fire tenders were deployed to douse the fire and ensure that it did not spread to adjacent buildings.

The fire personnel were still camping at the warehouse (at 9 pm) and struggling to put out the fire that has been raging since 4 am. Police said the initial probe revealed that the fire was triggered by a short circuit.

THE ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY
(A Central University) HYDERABAD – 500 007

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION No. I/2024

The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, a Central University, invites applications from the eligible candidates for the post of **Registrar**, **Finance Officer**, and the **Controller of Examinations** through **Direct Recruitment/Deputation** on Tenure basis in the pay level of 14 (**Rs. 1,44,200 to Rs.2,18,200**) as per 7th CPC pay matrix.

Application forms and the information regarding the eligibility criteria such as Essential Qualifications, Experience, Age etc., can be downloaded from the University website www.efluniversity.ac.in.

The filled in applications should reach the University on or before :**10-04-2024**

Date:18-03-2024 Sd/- REGISTRAR I/C

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that our client proposes to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from **Mr. Kumar Selvaraj.** If any individual, firm or corporate has any subsisting claim in respect of the schedule property, they shall contact the undersigned in writing with proof of such claim within fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice. In absence of any claim, our client will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land with existing structure standing thereon including the compound walls on all the four sides and bearing Municipal No.5AC/928, First Block, HRBR Layout, Ward No.88, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 15.25 Metres and North to South: 24.25 Metres, in all measuring 369.81 Metres, and bounded as follows:- **ON THE EAST :** Site bearing No.5AC-930, **WEST :** Site bearing No.5AC-926, **NORTH :** 5th 'A' Cross Road; **SOUTH :** Site bearing No.5C-925.

Sd/-
LAW & SOLUTIONS
#14, 1st Cross, Madhavanagar, Bengaluru-560 001
E-mail: lawandsolutionsin@gmail.com

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT BANGALORE (DRT-1)
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

OA No. 913/2022

BETWEEN: STATE BANK OF INDIA, RASMEC Hosur Branch, Hosur-635126. ... **APPLICANT**

AND: Sri SATISH NAIR .M ... DEFENDANT

To, **DEFENDANT: Sri SATISH NAIR. M,** aged about 37 years, S/o. Muralidharan, R/at No.S-1, 3rd Floor, Near IOB Bank, Vinayaka Blue Chip Corner, Malleshpalya, Bangalore-560075.

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULE 1996

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendant for recovery of Rs.40,06,629/- (Rupees forty lakhs six thousand six hundred and twenty nine only)inclusive of interest till 28.04.2022 along with future interest @7.40% per annum with monthly rests from 29.04.2022 to till the date of realization of entire claim amount along with cost of this proceedings and for the reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **09/07/2024** at **10:30 A.M** in the forenoon in person or pleader/advocate duly instructed has to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 07-02-2024.

By Order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore.

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Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru North, No.635 C (New No.25/2), 1st Main Road, E Block, 2nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Dr Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru – 560 010. Mobile: 90032 23669, E-mail: arb.bengalurunorth@unionbankofindia.bank

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Borrowers: (1) M/s.Splendid Marketing, No.1,2 & 3, Ground Floor, LVS Elite, TC Palya Main Road, Sonnathammannahalli, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036. **Proprietrix: (2) Mrs.Vandana B,** W/o.T.Kamalakar, Flat No.C-010, LVS Elite Apartment, Anandapura, Ramamurthy Nagar, T C Palya Road, K R Puram, Bengaluru-560036 **Guarantor : Mr.T Kamalakar,** S/o.T.Sidda Reddy, Flat No C-010, LVS Elite Apartment, TC Palya Main Road, Near Bharath Petrol Pump, Anandapura, K R Puram, Bengaluru-560036.

Amount due: Rs.92,41,562.21/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakh Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Two and Twenty One Paise only) as on interest debited till 29.02.2024 + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of Property : Property 1: SCHEDULE A : All that piece and parcel of converted land measuring about 30 guntas in survey no.24/1A and 30 guntas in survey no.24/1B (converted vide official memorandum dated 22.09.2010 in No.ALN/BE(B)/SR/22/2009-10 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore),Village Panchayath E-Katha No.150200450050112014O situated at Halehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk belonging to Mrs.B Vandana.

SCHEDULE B : An undivided share of land measuring 443.784 square feet in schedule A Property above.

SCHEDULE C : Flat no.124, First Floor in "LVS GARDENIA PHASE 1, village Panchayath E-Katha No.150200400501120461 constructed over Schedule A property above and measuring 1230 Square feet of super built up area with one covered car parking space in the basement floor and bounded on : East by : Open Area, West by : Passage, North by : Flat No.126, South by : Flat No.122.

Property No.2 : SCHEDULE A : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present BBMP Katha no.332, converted Sy.No.15/2 (converted for residential purpose vide conversion order no.BDS.ALN:SR182/2004-05 Dt.08.12.2004 situated at Sonnathammanahalli village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk belonging to Mr.T Kamalakar.

SCHEDULE B : An Undivided share of land measuring 674 Sq.ft in Schedule A property.

SCHEDULE C : Flat No.010, Ground Floor in the multi-storeyed residential building complex known as "LVS ELITE" constructed over schedule A property having super built up area 1500 Sq.Ft and bounded on : East by : LVS Elegance and land bearing Sy.No.26, West by : Road, North by : Private Property, South by : Private Property.

Reserve Price : Property 1: Rs 50,00,000/- EMD : Property 1: Rs 5,00,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs.1,00,000/-
Property 2: Rs.66,00,000/- EMD : Property 2 : Rs 6,60,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs.1,00,000/-

Type of Possession : Symbolic Possession

2. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Borrowers: (1) M/s Vanshika Food Products, Proprietor: Mrs Kamalamma, No. 188, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Sriranganagar, Veerabadranagar, Bangalore 560085. **Proprietrix (2) Mrs. Kamalamma,** No.188, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Sriranganagar, Veerabadranagar, Bangalore 560085. **Guarantor (3) Mrs. Lavanya H,** No. 52, 5th main, 3rd Cross, Pramod Layout, Bengaluru 560039.

Amount due: Rs. 1,15,86,876.97/- (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Six and Paise Ninety Seven only) as on interest debited till 29.02.2024 + Future interest + Other expenses.

Description of Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property New No 6/24, PID No 45-4-6/24 and Old municipal No 6/10/A, situated at 9th Cross, 4th Main road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, measuring east to west 35 ft and North to South 30 ft totally measuring 1050 sqft belonging to Mrs.Kamalamma and bounded on the East by : Property of Ramesh, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Site No 6/10/B.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,07,00,000/- EMD : Rs 10,70,000/- Bid Multiplier : Rs.2,00,000/-

Type of Possession : Physical Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : NIL, However, the intending bidders should make their own independent enquiry regarding the encumbrances, title of the property put to auction and the claims / rights/ dues affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid.

Date of Sale Notice : 16.03.2024

Account bearing Number 800001980050000 A/C Name : Inward RTGS IFSC Code : UBIN0580007

Name of the Contact Person & Contact No. Chief Manager Mr. Moorthi.V
Contact No. 9003223669, and Senior Manager - Ms. Ponni. S Contact No.6379023691

Last date of EMD submission:
On or before the commencement of e-auction
Date & Time of E-auction: 30.04.2024 (Tuesday)
from 11.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M with 10 min unlimited auto extensions

Note: (1) The intending purchaser required to register through https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp
The amount of EMD (10%) should be paid through the Website www.mstcecommerce.com and the balance amount of sale price should be paid through the Account Number mentioned in the Sale Notice. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided as mentioned below banks website and e-auction agent website. Digital Signature is not mandatory.

www.unionbankofindia.co.in | www.mstcecommerce.com.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 16.03.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

Bank of Baroda

Premises Dept, Zonal Office, Vijaya Towers, 41/2, 2nd Floor, Vijaya Towers,M.G Road, Bengaluru-560001. Ph No. 25011402

REQUIREMENT OF PREMISES ON LEASE/RENTAL BASIS

Bank of Baroda invites proposals/offers from the owners having clear and marketable titles over land and built-up property with the carpet area of 1500 to 2000 sq.ft on ground floor for housing Girinagar Branch with all facilities including adequate power supply. Offer should be valid for a minimum period of 180 days from the date of opening the tender. The intending offerer shall submit their offers in two separate sealed covers superscribed as "Technical bid" and "Financial bid" to the following address: The Zonal Head, Bank of Baroda, 2nd floor, Zonal Office, Vijaya Towers, Trinity Circle, MG Road, Bengaluru-560001 on or before 08.04.2024 by 15.00 hrs. For details, please login on Tender section of our website **(http://www.bankofbaroda.com).**

Date: 18.03.2024 **Sd/-**
Place: Bengaluru **Zonal Head, Zonal Office**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20

E-Tender Notice No.BE-29-2023-24-OT-32

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Description of work	Approx. Value
Operation, Switching & Maintenance of substations over Bengaluru Division for one year.	Rs. 2,01,58,656/-

Last date for submission of bids : **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 05-04-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Keep visiting the website for any corrigendum till closing date

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer **Bengaluru**
PUB/760/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large that the erstwhile owners of all that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No. 140, 1st Block, R.T. Nagar, Old Ward No. 97-RT Nagar, New Ward No. 46-Jayachamarajendra Nagar, (earlier Site bearing No. 140, Block I, Matadahalli Extension, Bangalore), Bengaluru (PID No. 97-1-140) along with a residential building thereon ("Said Property")have lost/misplaced the original Possession Certificate bearing No. 18/1980-81 dated 11.06.1980 issued by Bangalore Development Authority to Mr. S.G. Baliga with regard to the Said Property ("Said Original Document") and are not in a position to trace the Said Original Document. They have also informed the concerned Police Station about the aforesaid loss vide Lost report No. 0660777/2023 dated 27.07.2023 and have requested the jurisdictional police to return the document in the event of the same being either traced or found.

Any person or persons finding the Said Original Document or having the Said Original Document with regard to the Said Property under any agreement or arrangement, may return the original or may write to the undersigned if they have any claim on the Said Original Document in any manner whatsoever or return the Said Original Document.

(R.Sunitha)
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Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Suresh M, Prop. M/s. G M Electricals, Also at: M/s. G M Electricals, 2) Mrs. Vijayalakshmi M C	Loan Account No. 31889440000109 & 31889410000636 Loan Amount: Rs.10,00,000/- & Rs.58,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.27/4/34, Sl.No.1269, Old Site No.34, Situated at Kempapura Village, Yelahanka Hobali, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently Kempapura, Vayunandana Layout, 1st Main Road, Now comes under BBMP Limits and **Bounded by the: East by:** Property No.35, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property No.33, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, Total Measuring 1200 Sq.feet.	Date of NPA: 02-03-2024 Demand Notice Date: 15-03-2024	Rs.10,45,400.64 (Rupees Ten Lakh Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Four Paisa Only) due as on 11-03-2024
2	1) Mrs. Manjula V, Also at: M/s. Hotel Oyster Cashier, 2) Mrs. Lavanya V, Also at: M/s. Hotel Oyster Cook, 3) Mrs. Hemavathi M	Loan Account No. 33639630000456 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.7/4 and 7/5, Kumbrahalli Village, Kasagattapura Gram Panchayath, Hesaragatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk-560088. **East by:** Property belongs to Shankarappa, **West by:** Road and 3 Ft. passage, **North by:** Jayaram Gowda Property, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West 28 Ft. and North to South 17 Ft. Total 476 Sq.ft.	Date of NPA: 02-03-2024 Demand Notice Date: 14-03-2024	Rs.4,11,190.90 (Rupees Four Lakh Eleven Thousand One Hundred Ninety and Ninety Paisa Only) due as on 04-03-2024
3	1) M/s. S2A Spoken English and Study Centre, Rep. by its Prop. Mr. K Praveen Gandhi, 2) Mr. K Praveen Gandhi, Prop. M/s. S2A Spoken English and Study Centre, Also at: M/s. S2A Spoken English and Study Centre, 3) Mr. K Kanagaraj	Loan Account No. 45348640001689 45349660000847 & 4534020000249758 Loan Amount: Rs.50,00,000/- Rs.10,00,000/- & Rs.6,20,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing Site No.5, formed out of Sy.No.60/8, Bommanahalli CMC Katha No.161, Property No.60/8/5, Situated at Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 35 feet in all measuring 1050 Sq.ft., and **Bounded on the: East by:** Site No.4, **West by:** Site No.6, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Road. Along with one square A C Sheet roofed house built in thereon, constructed with cement and bricks, the doors and windows are made out Jungle wood, mud flooring without civic amenities in the schedule property.	Date of NPA: 02-01-2024 Demand Notice Date: 14-03-2024	Rs.56,17,095.89 (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Seventeen Thousand Ninety Five and Eighty Nine Paisa Only) due as on 04-03-2024
4	1) Mr. M C Narayan, S/o. Chikkahanumaiah, 2) Mrs. Varalakshmamma	Loan Account No. 48009420000234 Loan Amount: Rs.20,95,827/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel ofthe Eastern portion of property bearing Site No.1, Assessment No.1/2, measuring East to West 27 Feet, North to South 50 feet, totally measuring 1350 Sq.feet, Situated at Nagasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently within the limits of BBMP and **Bounded on: East by:** Others Property, **West by:** Remaining Western Portion of same Site No.01, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Others Property.	Date of NPA: 02-03-2024 Demand Notice Date: 14-03-2024	Rs.13,76,524.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four Only) due as on 04-03-2024

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 19.03.2024, Place: Bangalore — Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

CM Siddaramaiah on Monday questioned PM Narendra Modi, why the Centre had not provided funds to Karnataka to help people suffering from the drought. "We had sought Rs 18,171 crore as drought relief. Not even a single rupee was paid and crops were damaged across 48,000 hectares. We appealed for drought relief, which was not provided," the CM said. The PM has no moral right to accuse the state government of lacking funds for development works, he added

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR BJP

AFTER KSE, DVS KEEPS HIS 'OPTIONS OPEN'

Congress in touch with former CM who will reveal plan at press conference today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

JUST days after releasing its first list of candidates, the BJP in Karnataka appears to be in trouble with some sabre-rattling by two veteran leaders.

The party, which is struggling to convince former DyCM KS Eshwarappa to reconsider his intention to contest as an independent from Shivamogga LS seat, now has to contend with former CM **DV Sadananda Gowda**, who was denied the Bengaluru North ticket. Gowda said he has kept his option open of contesting on a Congress ticket.

Meanwhile, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh has staked her claim for the BJP ticket from Mandya, while alliance partner JDS is also demanding the same seat.

Gowda told reporters in Bengaluru that he was hurt after he was denied the Lok Sabha ticket, and that Congress leaders were in touch with him. Deputy CM DK Shivakumar is said to be in touch with Gowda.

Earlier in the day, a video of him sitting with a few friends and revealing that Congress leaders had approached him to contest from Mysuru or Chikkaballapura, went viral. Sources in the Congress said the party is looking for a Vokkaliga candidate for both constituencies.

When TNIE tried to contact him, Gowda said he would address a press meet on Tuesday to reveal his plan of action. Gowda (72), who celebrated his birthday on Monday, served as CM and Union minister in PM Modi's cabinet. Interestingly, his social media account carries the 'Modi ka Parivar' tag, just like many BJP leaders.

Union minister and Udupi-Chikkamagaluru MP Shobha Karandlaje has been given the ticket to contest from Bengaluru North, where she faced the wrath of local leaders who raised the slogan "Go back, Shobha!"

Meanwhile, Sumalatha is in Delhi, where she met BJP National President JP Nadda on Monday.

She said the candidate's name for Mandya has not yet been finalised. "Prime Minister Modi has assured me they are not going to leave me or my workers," she said. After her term as MP, she is expected to join the BJP officially.

She said that only if the BJP candidate contests from Mandya will the party get its base in the region. "I have not decided anything now, but will discuss it with my workers and take the next step," she said. BJP's alliance partner JDS is not ready to step back from Mandya, and former CM HD Kumaraswamy has openly declared that his party candidates will contest from Mandya, Hassan and Kolar.

With the second list of candidates expected to be released on Tuesday, party leaders in Karnataka are anticipating more chaos. The party is finding it difficult to finalise names for the remaining constituencies, especially Uttara Kannada, Belagavi and Chikkaballapura.

BJP leader KS Eshwarappa seeks blessings of seers at the Gonibeedu Gurusiddeshwara Mutt in Shivamogga on Monday | EXPRESS

'Miffed' KSE skips Modi rally, firm on contesting as an independent

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Shivamogga

SENIOR BJP leader and former DyCM KS Eshwarappa, who is determined to contest as a rebel from Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency, did not attend Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally here on Monday, ending hope among BJP leaders about the reversal of his decision. Instead, Eshwarappa visited mutts to seek the blessings of seers.

Declining an invitation to share the stage with Modi, Eshwarappa sent a strong signal to the party that he is determined to contest as an independent after his son KE Kanthesh was denied a BJP ticket from Haveri. Former CM Basavaraj Bommai is the BJP candidate from Haveri.

> There is anti-Yediyurappa wave across Shivamogga district and I have realised the same during my visits. Once I win from Shivamogga, I will come to Ayodhya and take the blessings of Lord Ramachandra
>
> KS Eshwarappa

Eshwarappa is blaming former CM BS Yediyurappa and his son and state BJP chief BY Vijayendra for his son not getting the ticket. Eshwarappa said he will contest against Yediyurappa's elder son and sitting MP BY Raghavendra from Shivamogga.

Last-minute attempts by the BJP and RSS leaders to persuade Eshwarappa to reverse his decision and take part in the PM's rally also yielded no fruit. In a telephonic conversation with senior RSS leader Gopal from Ayodhya, Eshwarappa said that he would contest from Shivamogga and meet Modi later.

Earlier, Raghavendra also expressed confidence that Eshwarappa would take part in the programme.

"Seers blessed me to win and protect Hindutva. There is anti-Yediyurappa wave across Shivamogga district and I have realised the same during my visits. Once I win from Shivamogga, I will come to Ayodhya and take the blessings of Lord Ramachandra. If I take part in the rally, Modi will seek votes for Raghavendra and what should I do in such a situation?" he asked.

At Gonibeedu Gurusiddeshwara Mutt, Eshwarappa claimed that Lingayat, Brahmin, and Backward Classes mutts have extended support to him.

Modi ridicules Congress govt, leader waiting to become CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday termed Congress as "a party that always lied, deceived and looted the people to fill its pockets".

Participating at a rally here, ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, Modi alleged that the Congress government in the state has become an ATM for the party, adding that there is a leader in the ruling party who is a "'CM in waiting', 'Future CM', 'Super CM', 'Shadow CM', and 'Delhi Collection Minister'".

He said resentment towards the Congress government is growing in the state, and the NDA will win in all the 28 Parliamentary constituencies here. He called upon the people to vote for NDA candidates. Shouting a new slogan, "Chaar June... Chaar Sou Paar," Modi asked the people to cast their votes in favour of BJP, and help NDA cross 400 seats, for the development of India and Karnataka to bring down poverty, provide a corruption-free government and to help the farming community and youth of the nation.

Commencing his speech in Kannada, he paid homage to Siganduru Chowdeshwari and commended former chief minister BS Yediyurappa for his contributions in building BJP in the state, from the time when he was not even a municipality councilor.

Women voters cheer as Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a gathering (below), ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, in Shivamogga on Monday | EXPRESS

> Cast your votes in favour of BJP, and help NDA cross 400 seats, for the development of India and Karnataka to bring down poverty, and provide a corruption-free government
>
> Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Earlier in the day, Yediyurappa said the BJP government introduced a scheme providing Rs 4,000 to each farmer, which has been halted by the Congress government.

Former PM HD Deve Gowda also said over phone that he will join the election campaign for the BJP-JDS alliance to win all the 28 constituencies, Yediyurappa said.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra, MP BY Raghavendra, former home minister Araga Jnanendra, Mangaluru BJP candidate Capt Brijesh Chowta, JDS MLA Sharada Pooryanaik, former MLA KB Prasanna Kumar, JDS district president Kadidal Gopal and others were present.

BJP MPs from Bengaluru Tejasvi Surya and PC Mohan speak to the shopkeeper, who was assaulted at his shop in the city on Monday | EXPRESS

BJP slams Congress govt over assault

ENS @ Bengaluru

IN the wake of the attack on a shop owner here, for allegedly playing a record of the Hanuman Chalisa, the BJP slammed the Congress-led state government, and demanded that police swiftly act and arrest the remaining accused, without bowing down to any pressure.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra held CM Siddaramaiah and his government accountable for the incident, which he claimed to be "an attack on Hindus and Hindu establishments".

"The CM's appeasement politics has encouraged such elements to run on a rampage in the state," he alleged.

Taking to social media, Vijayendra said, "Following incidents such as the chanting of 'Pakistan Zindabad' slogans in the Vidhana Soudha and a bomb explosion at The Rameshwaram Cafe recently, now a Hindu shopkeeper in Bengaluru has been viciously assaulted for playing the Hanuman Chalisa. The appeasement policies of the Congress is pushing Karnataka towards becoming a radical state with an absolute breakdown law and order."

Senior BJP leader and Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan posted on his social media, stating that "in Bengaluru, a poor Hindu man was assaulted by a mob for allegedly playing the Hanuman Chalisa".

"The grim reality of Congress's 'Mohabbat Ki Dukaan'," he mentioned.

Sandalwood throws its weight behind Cong's Geetha

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IN a shot in the arm for Congress candidate from Shivamogga, Geetha Shivarajkumar, the Kannada film industry has decided to campaign for her extensively against sitting MP and BJP candidate BY Raghavendra, son of former CM BS Yediyurappa. Geetha, wife of Kannada actor Shivarajkumar, is the daughter of former Karnataka CM S Bangarappa and daughter-in-law of Kannada matinee idol Dr Rajkumar.

"The entire industry, including the producers, distributors, exhibitors, and some actors will throng Shivamogga on the day she files her nomination. Since Dodmane (Dr Rajkumar's house) is an asset to the industry, we are backing Geetha Shivarajkumar," said Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) president and veteran producer NM Suresh. Suresh was addressing the media at the residence of Geetha and Shivarajkumar in Bengaluru on Monday.

Exhibitors' Association President KV Chandrashekar said that since the industry is indebted to Dr Rajkumar's family, it is the duty of the members of the industry to back Geetha as she wants to serve the people.

Geetha will launch her campaign from Bhadravathi on Wednesday, while Shivarajkumar will join her at Kollur Mookambika Temple for a puja, before addressing a rally at Byndoor on Thursday. According to informed sources, they have chalked out a plan of action to hold over 300 hustings even at hoblis across the constituency to reach out to people at the grassroots, as Geetha is the daughter of Bangarappa.

It is still not late to enrol to vote...

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IF you have still not enrolled to vote or want to make changes, you still have time to do it ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. According to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), citizens can do it 10 days before the last day fixed for filing of nominations by candidates. For voters in the 14 south Karnataka constituencies that go to polls on April 26, the last date to enrol is March 25. Similarly, for those in the 14 northern constituencies, the last date to enrol in the voters' list is April 9 (polling day is May 7).

However, if a person has enrolled and his/her details are uploaded on the voters list, but has not got Voters ID in hand, he or she can still vote. The voter will have to carry any of the 12 listed government-certified identity proofs listed on the election commission website.

"Ensuring your name is on the voters' list is sufficient. You can take a screenshot of the list and display it at the verification counter before voting. Taking a printout will not be considered a valid document. The screenshot will only help the election officers in finding your details on the electoral list faster. Displaying valid ID proof is a must, if the person does not have a voter ID. However, as a precautionary measure, carrying an additional government ID proof will only be beneficial. Citizens can also download the E-EPIC and show it to the election officers for verification. They must not take a printout of it," the official added.

"Before going to vote, every citizen must check for their details on the electoral roll, which is available on the website or the Voters Helpline App. Having an EPIC does not guarantee your name is on the list," added the official.

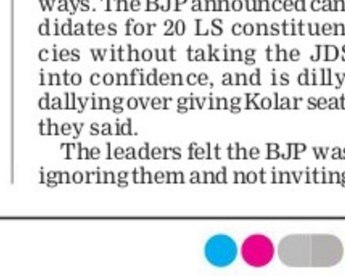
GET READY TO GET INKED

To enroll, citizens must fill Form 6, those seeking to make corrections should fill Form 8

The forms can either be filled online (www.nvsp.in) with required documents or can be downloaded and submitted physically to the Electoral Registration Officer or to the Booth Level Officer. They can also be sent by post

In case of a change of address, the applicant needs to fill Form 8A

To get a name deleted from the voters' list, one needs to fill Form7



Three arrested for assaulting shopkeeper

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ON Monday, Mukesh told the media that the accused attacked him for playing 'Hanuman Chalisa'. "I was at my shop when the accused threatened me to stop playing the bhajans as it would disturb their 'Azan' prayers. When I did not listen, they threatened to stab me. Then they attacked me after pulling me out of the shop. The accused recently attacked another person in the same locality and the police did not act," he alleged.

In the CCTV footage, one of the accused is first seen attacking Mukesh. The victim too is seen retaliating before he was pulled out of the shop and beaten with a speaker and weapons.

According to the FIR registered by the police, the victim was at his shop, Krishna Telecom, in Siddannagalli when the accused picked up a fight with him for playing music loud. As the verbal altercation escalated, the accused pulled him out of the shop and attacked him with weapons.

The police have arrested three accused Suleman, Shanavaz and Rohith. "Our investigations did not find any proof to support the allegations made by the victim to the media. Even the complaint does not mention the said accusation," said an officer, who is part of the investigation.

The Halasuru Gate police booked the accused for criminal intimidation (IPC 506), intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace (IPC 504), unlawful assembly (IPC 149) and attempt to murder (IPC 307).

CONTESTING VOICES

Supporters of State Youth Congress president Mohammed Haris Nalapad protest in front of the KPCC office, demanding a ticket for him to contest in the Lok Sabha elections, in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

BJP ignoring us, upset JDS netas tell party heads

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Janata Dal (Secular) has expressed displeasure over the BJP not taking its leaders into confidence, and sent out a warning about the consequences. On Monday, party state president HD Kumaraswamy declared that JDS will contest from Hassan, Mandya and Kolar Lok Sabha seats.

At the party's core committee meeting attended by former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, Kumaraswamy, GT Devegowda and other top leaders, the regional party leaders expressed their displeasure and wanted the BJP to mend its ways. The BJP announced candidates for 20 LS constituencies without taking the JDS into confidence, and is dilly-dallying over giving Kolar seat, they said.

The leaders felt the BJP was ignoring them and not inviting them for any election-related meetings. "This is detrimental to the party. The JDS has the strength to help BJP win in 18 Lok Sabha segments, and ensure the transfer of 3-4 per cent of its votes," they said.

They also expressed displeasure over local leaders not being invited to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rallies in Kalaburagi and Shivamogga, and while they respected PM Modi, they had not expected this conduct from the BJP. Sensing the anger among party leaders, Deve Gowda directed Kumaraswamy to again talk to BJP leaders Amit Shah and JP Nadda to explain the situation.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Kumaraswamy said his party leaders expressed their views on the JDS-BJP working together from the booth level. "We also discussed the effect of the BJP neglecting us," he said.

> This (BJP ignoring JDS) is detrimental to the party. The JDS has the strength to help BJP win in 18 Lok Sabha segments, and ensure the transfer of 3-4% of its votes
>
> JDS leaders

Citing views expressed during the meeting, he said many senior leaders felt the BJP-JDS alliance would not help the regional party in a big way. The BJP needs to make use of the JDS' strength in 18 LS seats, but if it fails to do so and takes a hit in the elections, the regional party should not be held responsible.

"I will not talk about it (seats) till it is officially announced. I have not asked for six or seven seats. Since we started the discussion, I have only asked for three to four seats. I am confident of getting three to four seats. They are aware of our strengths," he said. "Do I need to make so much effort and alliance to get two seats? In Hassan and Mandya, our candidates will win on their own. We will easily win if there is a triangular contest."

The former CM said there is no confusion, and JDS will contest from Hassan, Mandya and Kolar, adding that Karnataka politics is different from national politics. He appealed to JDS and BJP workers not to give scope for any confusion and to work together to win all the seats.

Spurred by the spike in human-wildlife conflicts in Kerala, the state forest and wildlife department, along with the governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, will undertake a survey of wild animals to find out the increase in their numbers and their current status

Tamilisai resigns as Governor to contest LS polls

Says working directly for people is her desire

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad/Chennai

SPRINGING a surprise, Governor **Tamilisai Soundararajan** on Monday tendered her resignation from the post of Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry.

She submitted her resignation to both posts to President Droupadi Murmu. An official communique from the Raj Bhavan read: "The Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Tamilisai Soundararajan tendered her resignation with immediate effect. The resignation has been submitted to the President of India."

It is believed that Tamilisai will contest in the upcoming General Elections from either Kanyakumari or South Chennai Lok Sabha seats in Tamil Nadu as a BJP candidate. Speaking to reporters in Chennai on Monday, she refused to confirm if she was planning to contest in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "I will share my plans after my resignation is accepted," she said. However, sources in the BJP said she is likely to contest the election from Chennai South constituency. She said the PM and the top leadership of the BJP knew her true desire and it was after informing them that she had sent her resignation to the President. She said working directly for the people has always been her desire and she was the 'people's Governor' of Telangana and Puducherry. "No, there was no pressure (to quit). I resigned of my own volition as my desire is to serve the public directly. I want to involve myself in intense public service," she said.

Further, Tamilisai said that it had been a pleasure to serve in Telangana. She said she was impressed by the warmth of the people of Telangana. "Ever since I assumed office, the people of Telangana have treated me as their elder sister," Tamilisai said.

In 2019, Tamilisai contested from Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu on behalf of the BJP and lost. In 2009, she contested from Chennai North and lost. She had unsuccessfully contested three Assembly elections. Tamilisai also worked as the BJP's Tamil Nadu unit president from August 16, 2014, to September 1, 2019. She was appointed Governor of Telangana on September 1, 2019, and took charge of the post on September 9. She was given additional charge of Puducherry on February 16, 2021. She pointed out that she had managed the affairs of Puducherry during a three-month 'President's Rule'.

Minister post for Ponmudy: DMK goes to SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi/Chennai

THE Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider a plea of the Tamil Nadu government against the refusal of Governor RN Ravi to appoint senior DMK leader K Ponmudy as a minister in the state cabinet. The DMK said the governor's own interpretation of the SC order stating that the conviction has only been suspended and not set aside is an absurd interpretation and is an affront to the SC order. "President Draupadi Murmu must recall him immediately as he is an insult to the office of the governor," the DMK said.

The governor, in a letter to Chief Minister M K Stalin on Sunday, refused to re-induct the senior DMK leader into the cabinet, saying it would be against constitutional morality. Recently, Ponmudy was reinstated as a legislator after the Supreme Court suspended his conviction in a disproportionate assets case.

A bench of Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra on Monday took note of the submissions of senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi and P Wilson, appearing for the state government, that the matter should be urgently listed for hearing. 'Please send an email. I will look into the email,' the CJI said."Governor of Tamil Nadu was breaching the constitutional mandate to follow the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers in discharge of his official functions. He also disregards and delays granting of assent to the bills passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. The governor is acting as a political opponent of the government and is challenging the government on its policies and the legislature on the laws enacted by it. The state government is thus forced to file this plea before the apex court," the state said in its petition.

DMK MP and party's legal advisor P Wilson, in a statement issued in Chennai, said Governor Ravi is proving to be a repeat offender and is acting with scant regard to the Constitution. Wilson said the governor's own interpretation of the SC order stating that the conviction has only been suspended and not set aside is an absurd interpretation and is an affront to the SC order.

The DMK MP also pointed out that a governor cannot decide who should be a minister on moral grounds or any other grounds and this legal position is a well-settled one. It is the sole prerogative of the CM. Wilson also charged that the governor's confrontation with the government is unsurprising since he is acting as the de facto president of the TN's BJP unit and has a proclivity to seek media attention.

"The governor is seeking to run a parallel government from the Raj Bhavan because the BJP can never set foot in Fort St. George. This governor who has no regard for the constitution, for the laws, for the orders of the SC, needs to be sacked forthwith. I urge the President of India Draupadi Murmu to recall him immediately as he is an insult to the office of the governor," he added.

POLL MARCH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves at people during his roadshow from Saibaba Colony to RS Puram, as Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai looks on, in Coimbatore on Monday | S SENBAGAPANDIYAN

Girl strip-searched for alleged theft dies by suicide; teacher, HM booked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bagalkot

A First Information Report (FIR) has been registered against the teacher and the headmaster of the government high school of Kadampur in Bagalkot in connection with the suicide of a Class 8 student of the school.

It may be noted that a 14-year-old girl of Kadampur village had allegedly died by suicide due to dejection after being accused of stealing the money of a teacher.

The girl had ended her life on March 16 at her house after she was accused of stealing Rs 2,000 from a teacher of the school.According to sources, one of the female teachers of the school, after reportedly losing money from her purse, grew suspicious over four students including the 14-year-old deceased girl.

She reportedly checked the bags of all students and also made them swear in God'sname to prove their innocence.

Though it is not confirmed whether money was found or not, however, of the four students, the 14-year-old girl felt severely upset after the incident. She later committed suicide at home by hanging herself. Interestingly, the parents did not bother to report the matter with the police and performed her final rites.

They visited the police station the next day to file a case against teacher Jayashri Mishikoti and headmaster H M Mujawar at Rural Police station.

Speaking to media persons, the deceased girl's father, alleged that the teacher forced the students to admit the crime and return the money, else the students' admission would be cancelled. Due to fear and dejection, his daughter committed suicide, he said.

Meanwhile, the police have registered a case and investigation is underway.

> **The teacher forced the students to admit the crime and return the money, else the students' admission would be cancelled. Due to fear and dejection, my daughter died by suicide**
>
> — The deceased girl's father

Yaduveer's minority outreach reshapes BJP LS poll strategy

KARTHIK KK @Mysuru

IN a strategic move aimed at expanding the BJP support base, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, the scion of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family and BJP candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha election, has initiated discussions with minority leaders in the region. This overture is crucial given the historical support that minority communities have extended to Congress.

Wadiyar's meeting with Christian leaders on Monday highlighted a deliberate effort to appeal to minority voters. Accompanied by BJP leader and former minister SA Ramadas and BJP state minority wing president Dr Anil Thomas, Wadiyar called upon the apostolic administrator of Mysuru diocese, Bernard Moras, and other Christian religious leaders at 'Sanmargi' – the bishop's house in Bannimantap. His visit is in continuation with the Wadiyar legacy of fostering coexistence of communities and recognising the contributions of past rulers like Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. This historical commitment of social care without discrimination resonates with Wadiyar's efforts to connect with minority communities, especially the Christian electorate. However, Yaduveer's decision to contest from BJP may have posed a hurdle in securing minority votes, particularly from the Congress-loyalist Christian community.

But Yaduveer's strategic outreach, including his early engagement with Christian religious leaders during the campaign's second day, signals an effort to broaden the party's support base. The discussions focused on highlighting the Wadiyars' association with the community, their contributions to institutions like St Philomena's cathedral, and the positive reception of minority communities towards the BJP government's initiatives.

Govt should consult parents, schools: Assn

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THE counsel for the petitioners argued before the division bench that the state government does not have the power to issue the notifications to hold Board exams without framing the Rules under the Karnataka Education Act. The state cannot conduct Board exams for students of elementary education, from Class 1 to 8, as per the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, they argued.

The RTE Students and Parents Association contended that as per the provisions of the Karnataka Education Act, the state government has to consult the parents, teachers and schools before deciding on Board exams that affect a large number of students. Even the Right to Education Act does not permit board exams for elementary school students between 6 and 14 years.

Accused in CAPF job racket gets bail

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

A SPECIAL Court granted anticipatory bail to Bhoopendra Singh from Uttar Pradesh, one of 167 accused belonging to four states of North India, who allegedly produced fake domicile certificates to qualify for the written examination for the job of constable in Central Armed Police Force (CAPF), under the Karnataka quota.

They chose Karnataka because the cut-off marks were low compared to other states, which deprived deserving candidates of Karnataka from getting the jobs. Sensing a job racket, the CBI registered the case in 2016. After investigation, CBI filed a chargesheet before a magistrate court in the city.

Objecting to the anticipatory bail petition, the CBI stated that investigation had revealed that Chandrashekar, a constable with the Subsidiary Training Centre of the Border Security Force (BSF), entered into a criminal conspiracy with Satyaprakash Singh, working as managing director of Goodwill Coaching Centre in Bengaluru. They arranged candidate details for those appearing for a medical test, to facilitate those belonging to Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and Rajasthan to secure posts of constables in CAPF, and rifleman in Assam Rifles under the Karnataka quota.

Chandrashekar, in connivance with Satyaprakash and VK Kiran Kumar, a temporary staffer in the office of the Bengaluru North tahsildar, and one Surender Kumar Katoch, created fake documents of the aspiring candidates, such as domicile affidavits, ration cards, educational certificates, address proof etc and provided them to 147 candidates to obtain domicile residential certificates and caste certificate from the tahsildar. Accordingly, the candidates submitted them to the recruitment board to obtain employment under the Karnataka quota. Satyaprakash allegedly collected Rs 3-4 lakh each from 147 candidates to get the job. Satyaprakash, in connivance with Kiran, fraudulently obtained holograms of the Karnataka government and affixed them on fabricated voter ID and ration cards of the candidates. They created fake rubber stamps in the names of the school, principal, notary, medical superintendent etc., and used them for committing forgery. The magistrate court issued summons and warrants to Bhoopendra, but he failed to appear before the court. A non-bailable warrant was issued against him, which led him to approach the special court, seeking anticipatory bail.

Noting that documents and evidence collected disclosed that the petitioner is involved in the alleged crime and there is a prima facie case, Principal Special Judge for CBI cases Gangadhara CM granted anticipatory bail to him, imposing conditions.

Villagers stall woman's cremation, demand mutton

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Baripada

THE agony of ailing Somabari Singh did not come to an end even with her death as her community members stalled her cremation for three days demanding a goat!

Last rites of the 70-year-old woman, a resident of Shamakhunta panchayat in Mayurbhanj's Baripada, were finally conducted on Monday after her family agreed to give 10kg mutton to the community members within eight days.

Hailing from the Mundari tribe, Somabari of Jaibila village was reportedly suffering from an unknown disease for the last several months. She breathed her last at around 2pm on Saturday.

Somabari's son Doctor Singh said after his mother died, he and his brother Chandan approached the community members and sought their help to cremate the body. However, their request was turned down as they were accused of breaking the community laws by not inviting the tribal villagers to their marriage feasts. "We brothers have been living an ostracised life for several years as we did not invite our community members in the village to our marriage feasts. Villagers had demanded goats and handia (rice beer) during our marriage feast. But owing to our financial constraints, we could not meet their demands," said Doctor.

When Doctor and Chandan sought help from the villagers to perform the last rites of their mother, the latter reportedly reiterated their demand for a goat and handia. As the siblings could not afford the demands, they returned home. When Somabari's body began to decompose after two days, Doctor approached the villagers again and agreed to their demands. "When my mother's body became infested with maggots, I went to the village head and agreed to give 10kg mutton to them. They then agreed to assist my family in cremating my mother's body," claimed Doctor. At around 2.30 pm on Monday, Somabari's decomposed body was taken to the village cremation ground with the help of some villagers. Subsequently, her last rites were performed. Sources said neither the Gram Rakhi nor the local police were aware of the incident.

EXPRESS READ

ANF carries out ops on DK-Kodagu border

Mangaluru: Anti-Naxal Force(ANF) personnel carried out a combing operation on Dakshina Kannada-Kodagu borders on Monday, following reports of suspected naxal movement. Jitendra Dayma, SP, Anti-Naxal Force, Karkala termed the movement a 'rumour' and added that they are still confirming it. The SP said they received unconfirmed reports of naxals purchasing grocery items from a shop in Bhagamandala camp limits. "We get these information daily, which have always turned out to be rumours. We will swing into action once the suspected movements are confirmed but for now we will conduct regular combing operations," he said.

ED nabs accused in 2021 heroin, AK-47 case

Kochi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday arrested an accused person in the 2021 heroin and AK-47 seizure case. The arrested person is John Paul of Colachel, Tamil Nadu, who was earlier arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The case pertains to the seizure of 300kg of heroin, five AK-47s and 1,000 rounds of ammunition from two fishing boats linked to the LTTE off the Kerala coast in 2021. The ED launched an investigation into the money laundering aspect of the case based on the NIA probe and filed a prosecution complaint against the 16 accused persons in the case. The court issued an arrest warrant against John last week, following which an ED team from Kochi reached his native place and arrested him.

Air Force holds meet on aerospace safety

Bengaluru: The Indian Air Force training command's annual aerospace safety council meeting (TC AASCM) was held at its headquarters in Bengaluru on Monday. The meeting, on the theme 'Prevention of Human Error in Aircraft Accidents/ Incidents', was chaired by Air Marshal R Radhish, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C), Training Command. In his address, Radhish highlighted the key issues requiring attention in the aerospace safety domain. He said operators and maintenance personnel should exercise precaution, keeping in view the monsoon season, with special attention to the serviceability of recovery aids. Various aspects related to human errors regarding aerospace safety were discussed during the session.

Servitor gets RI for sexual harassment of Swedish woman tourist

Bhubaneswar:A court here on Monday awarded one year and six months rigorous imprisonment (RI) to a sevayat of Lingaraj Temple for sexually harassing a Swedish national on February 19. The judgement came only 26 days after sevayat Kanan Mohapatra alias Kundu (22) was arrested for committing the crime. JMFC-I Judge Payal Gupta convicted Mohapatra under Sections 341, 354 and 354A of IPC. "The court observed the matter was very sensitive and it created a bad image of the state and the country. About seven witnesses including two security staff of the temple and a lady police personnel were examined during the trial," said Additional Public Prosecutor, Bijan Bihari Kar.

MAHATRANSCO — INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

SRM e-Tender No. T-2414/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001165)

MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.

"Construction of 220kV DC line by making LILO on existing 220kV Padghe – Kamba- Vasai line at location no. 18, Dist. Palghar under Vashi Zone, Maharashtra."

Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website. https://srmetender.mahatransco.in

The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 11.03.2024.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

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Registered Office:- 27 BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400 051
Branch Office: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, No. 22, Kotak House, M G Road, Bangalore - 560001

CORRIGENDUM

For your Kind attention in Possession notice published on 16-3-2024 in the New Indian Express inadvertently due to typo error Loan Account & CRN is mentioned as LAP17632810 & LAP17647310, CRN 193346284 instead of LAP18426229, LAP18432584 & LAP18439813 CRN (7214367) which may please be noted and read with above mention Possession notice, rest of the matters / averments / demand made in the notice remain the same.

Yours Faithfully,
For Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
Authorized Officer

AAMOUD MEHTA

NeelKantha Apartments,22, 8th Cross Street, Shenoy Nagar, Chennai: - 600030. Tamil Nadu

NOTICE REGARDING LOST/Mislaid CERTIFICATE OF LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the certificates for **Larsen & Toubro Ltd.** 700 (Seven Hundred) equity shares of **Larsen & Toubro Ltd.** Standing in the name of **Aamoud Mehta,** has been lost or mislaid and the undersigned has/have applied to the company to issue duplicate certificate for the said shares. Any person who has any claim in respect of the said shares should write to our Registrar, **KFIN Technologies Limited**. Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Hyderabad – 500032, within one month from this date else the company will proceed to issue duplicate Certificate (S).

THEREAFTER: Folio No. 07830319

No.of securities held	Security Certificate No.	Distinctive Nos. From To
100	71059	3391537-3391636
100	233551	142253777-142253876
200	450363	619077251-619077450
300	1372314	1397920378-1397920677

Total 4 Certificates and quantity 700 equity shares of Face Value Rs.2/-

Date: 18-03-2024
Place: Bangalore
AAMOUD MEHTA

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of India Undertaking)

OPEN E-TENDER (SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM) INVITATION NOTICE

Name of Work: Rate contract for Cement Concrete for Foundation and plinth in Normal, Hard & Rocky soil for 2X25 KV traction system in Chennai - Veppampattu section of Chennai, Southern Railway. **Tender Notice No: KR/CO/EL/MAS-VEU/T/8/24, Dtd: 19/03/2024. Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 5,76,34,150/- excluding GST. **EMD:** ₹ 4,38,200/-. **Last Date & Time for Online Submission of Tender:** 03/04/2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. **Opening of Tender :** On 03/04/2024. at 15.30 Hrs.

Name of Work: Rate contract for Cement Concrete for Foundation and plinth in Normal, Hard & Rocky soil for 2X25 KV traction system in Veppampattu - Arakkonam section of Chennai, Southern Railway. **Tender Notice No: KR/CO/EL/VEU-AJJ/T/9/24, Dtd: 19/03/2024. Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 5,76,34,150/- excluding GST. **EMD:** ₹ 4,38,200/-. **Last Date & Time for Online Submission of Tender:** 03/04/2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. **Opening of Tender :** On 03/04/2024. at 15.30 Hrs.

Name of Work: Rate contract for Cement Concrete for Foundation and plinth in Normal, Hard & Rocky soil for 2X25 KV traction system in Arakkonam – Renigunta section of Chennai, Southern Railway. **Tender Notice No: KR/CO/EL/AJJ-RU/T/10/24, Dtd: 19/03/2024. Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 6,42,08,200/- excluding GST. **EMD:** ₹ 4,71,000/-. **Last Date & Time for Online Submission of Tender:** 03/04/2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. **Opening of Tender :** On 03/04/2024. at 15.30 Hrs.

Amendments / Corrigendum if any, would be uploaded on IREPS website only. **Submission of Tender Documents :** Through IREPS. Manual Tender Documents shall not be accepted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my Client – **Sri. G. Kumar**, Aged about 47 years, S/o. Late. B. Gangappa, Residing at No. 24, 7th A Cross, Anjaneyaswamy Temple Road, Ittamadu, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560 085, has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 14/12/1992, executed by Gopal & others in favour of Poornima G Rao, Registered vide document No. 6601/1992-93, Volume 633, pages 52-57, Book-1, SRO, Kengeri, Bangalore, in respect of the Vacant Site No. 89, V P Khatha No. 129/1, measuring East to West: 60 Ft and North to South: 40 Ft., in total 2,400 Sq Ft., situated at Hoskerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.

If any person or any Financial Institutions, Banks, Co-operative Banks, find/in possession of the Original/Sale Deed dated 14/12/1992 shall handover to the below mentioned address.

Date: 18-03-2024
Bangalore
Sd/- K S CHANDRASHEKAR
Advocate & Notary,Government of India, No.21, Dhondusa Layout, Off. Bull Temple Road, Mount Joy Cross Road,Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-19. Mob : 9448366193.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE - U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE

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CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
HAL Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017. (Phone: 080 25084177, 4184, 4156)

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl.No	Description	Details	
1	Name of work	Remodelling of Old Labs (Phase-I) at Main Campus, URSC, Bengaluru - (Civil Works).	Renovation / Rectification Works for Kendriya Vidyalaya, NAL, Bengaluru - (Civil & PH Works).
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/13C/2023-24, dated: 14.03.2024	URSC/C&MG/14C/2023-24, dated: 14.03.2024
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 140.00 Lakhs	₹ 90.00 Lakhs
4	Tender Document details	E-Tender	
5	Period of completion	TWELVE MONTHS	NINE MONTH
6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.2,80,000/- valid for 180 days	Rs.1,80,000/- valid for 180 days
7	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 09.30 hrs on 18.03.2024 to 16.30 hrs on 01.04.2024	
8	Bid clarification	From 10.30 hrs on 19.03.2024 to 17.00 hrs on 01.04.2024	
9	Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 02.04.2024	
10	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 03.04.2024	
11	Due date and time of opening of tenders	14.30 hrs onwards on 03.04.2024	

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/-, Group Director (C&MG)

पावरग्रिड POWERGRID

NOTICE

1. Approval under Regulation 23 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations,2023 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019 for determination of Transmission Tariff from Actual DOCO to 31-03-2024 for **Asset-1:** 765kV Spare (1-ph) Reactor unit at 765kV Chilakaluripeta Substation and **Asset-2:** Scheme to bypass NGR to use Switchable line reactor as Bus reactor at 765kV Chilakaluripeta Substation in Southern Region.
2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (i) TANGEDCO (ii) PCKL (iii) BESCOM (iv) GESCOM (v) HESCOM. (vi) MESCOM (vii) CESC (viii) KSEB (ix) TSSPDCL (x) TSNPDCL (xi) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (xii) Electricity Dept. of Goa (xiii) APSPDCL (xiv) APEDCL (xv) APCPDCL
3. Tariff details:

Transmission tariff for 2019-24 Tariff Block (₹ in Lakhs)

Asset	Apportioned approved cost (RCE)	Cost upto DOCO	Transmission tariff				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Asset-1	824	689.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	68.46
Asset-2	122	68.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.53

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at **https://www.powergrid.in/en/ powergrid-southern-interconnector-transmission-system-limited**
5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3 & 4th floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: Secunderabad
Date: 13.03.2024
S/d
CEO (PSITSL)

PG/CC/Notice-43/Advt.-94/2023-24/BASIC4

POWERGRID SOUTHERN INTERCONNECTOR TRANSMISSION SYSTEM LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corporate Office: Saudamini, Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon, Haryana-122 001
Registered Office: B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110 016
Website: www.powergrid.in, **CIN:** L40101DL1989GOI038121

A Maharatna PSU

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ಚಿಗಟೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ಸಂ.ಚಿಜಿಆ/ಲೆಪವಿ(2)/10/2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ:16-03-2024

ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

2024-25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಚಿಗಟೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವಾಗಿ ಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ ಪಥ್ಯಾಹಾರ ಪದಾರ್ಥಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರಥಮ ದರ್ಜೆ ಬ್ರೆಡ್ ಮತ್ತು ಅವಶ್ಯಕ ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999-2000ರ 'ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡಿದ್ದು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರಿನ ಘಟನಾವಳಿಗಳು:- Tender reference No: CGH/ACC(2)/10/2023-24 DATED:-12-03-2024 Diet and Bread, Amount put to tender Rs. 97.65 Lakhs EMD amount Rs. 4,00,000/- (Rupees Four lakhs Only), Availability of tender document 12-03-2024 To 03-04-2024 before 04:30 PM, IST upload all documents is compulsory else will be disqualified. Last date and time for receipt bid document 03-04-2024 before 04:30 PM, IST all documents must be attested by the agency , Time, date and place of opening of tender (Technical Bid): 05-04-2024 at 11:00 AM, IST Chigateri District Hospital, Davangere, Time, date and place of opening of tender (Financial Bid): After Completion of technical bid process. Address for communication: Chigateri District Hospital, Davangere

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ಸಹಿ/- ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕರು/ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಶಸ್ತ್ರ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಕರು, ಚಿಗಟೇರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

PUBLIC NOTICE

On instructions of our client, we are investigating the (A) ownership right, title and interests of (i) San Marina Infotech Private Limited, (ii) M/s Building Solutions and Co., [both (i) and (ii) having their offices at No. 222 B, San Marina House, West Marredpally, Secunderabad- 500 026]; (iii) Susheel Rathi, son of H. S. Rathi; (iv) Sowmya Nallari, wife of Santhosh Kumar Reddy Nallari; and (v) Dharmesh Kewalaram, son of Balram Kewalram; and (B) development rights of Provident Housing Limited having its offices at No. 130/1, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru - 560 042, Karnataka (**PHL**), all in relation to lands more fully described in the **Schedule** below (**Land**). This investigation is in connection with certain investments proposed to be made by our client in PHL and certain of its group companies against security of *inter alia* the Land (**Proposed Transaction**).

If any person/s, entity, firm, institution (corporate or otherwise) having any claim/s, any right, title, interest, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the Land or any part thereof or against the Proposed Transaction, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation or demand made together with supporting documents within **14 (fourteen)** days from the date of this notice. Failing to do so, it shall be presumed that the ownership and title of the abovementioned 5 (five) owners as well of development rights of PHL in relation to the Land is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever, no other person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in the Land or any part thereof and our client will then proceed to complete the Proposed Transaction. Further, claims or alleged interests, if any, which are not received within **14 (fourteen)** days from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been consciously waived, acquiesced, and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall thereafter not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All those pieces and parcels of contiguous non-agricultural lands which have been converted for residential purposes and measuring about 17 acres 5 guntas (including lands measuring 4 acres 10.4 guntas relinquished towards park, open spaces, proposed 90 meter wide satellite Town Ring Road and 18 meter wide CDP road in favor of STRR Planning Authority) comprised in Survey Nos. 257/5, 257/7, 257/9, 257/14, 257/19, 257/20, 257/21, 270, 273, 274, 257/6, 257/8, 257/10, 257/13, 257/15, 257/16, 257/22, 257/23, 257/25, 257/18, 278, 275, all situated at Samethanahalli Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka and bounded as follows:

East by : Survey No. 230, Survey No. 232, and Survey No. 257/24;
West by : Survey No. 36 and Survey No. 37;
North by : Survey Nos. 36, 245, 246, 247, 248, 269 and 230; and 12.5 meter wide access road (passing through Survey Nos. 269, 36/42 and 36/p8 forming part of Provident Capella I and Provident Capella II) connecting to 24-meter-wide Soukya Road; and
South by : Survey No. 232

Date: 19/03/2024
Place: Bengaluru

Mridul Kumbalath
Partner
Trilegal
Advocate & Solicitors
Prestige Poseidon, 139, Residency Road Bengaluru – 560 025, T: 080 4343 4646
Email: mridul.kumbalath@trilegal.com

The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

No.73/1, Gandhibazar Main Road, Bangalore -04, Ph: 22421998 /22421999

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

We, **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.**, has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has been returned due to non-availability of address at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1. Sri. Sriramulu K S/o Late V Keshavalu Naidu, No.192, 13th Cross, Kondappa Layout, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064. **2. Smt. Gomathi D (Co-obligant)** W/o Sri. Sriramulu K, No.192, 13th Cross, Kondappa Layout, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064.

Sl No	Account No	Amount Advanced	Date of Advance	Purpose of Loan	Balance Out standingas on 29.02.2024		
					Principal	Interest + Penal interest	Total
1	IPL 20100009	15,00,000/-	18.02.2010	Purchase of Site	15,89,916.00	85,70,968.00	1,01,60,884.00
2	IPL 20100029	8,00,000/-	25.06.2010	House Construction	7,19,943.00	17,22,287.00	24,42,230.00
	Grand Total	23,00,000/-			23,09,859.00	1,02,93,255.00	1,26,03,114.00

Amount Outstanding of Rs.1,26,03,114/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Six Lakhs Three Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen Only) with further interest from **01.03.2024** and other charges.

NPA Date : 28.01.2010 **Demand Notice Dated : 11.03.2024**

ANNEXURE - SCHEDULE -A: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing present corporation No.671, Corporation Colony, Jayanagara, 9th Block, Bengaluru Owned by Sri. Sriramulu K, measuring East to West: 40 Feet North to South: 25 Feet and bounded by the following boundaries: East By: Road, West By: Site No.709, North By: Site No.670, South By: Site No.672.

You are here by called upon to pay **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.**, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.**, will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.**, under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.**, shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(3) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortagaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

Date : 18.03.2024
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
The National Co-Operative Bank Limited.,

TMB Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd

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APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6) and 9(1)]
Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties

Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the **Borrower Mortgagor : Mr. H. Narayana Murthy** S/o. Mr. Hanumaiah, **Proprietor, M/s. Kushaal Enterprises,** D.No. 212/1, Ground Floor, Lokasevaniratham, Hanumanthaiah Road, Lohith Nagara,Nelamangala - 562123 and also at No.260, 2nd Main Road 17th Cross, Lohith Nagara, Nelamangala - 562123 and the **Guarantor : Mrs. M. Rekha** W/o. Mr. H. Narayana Murthy, No. 260, 2nd Main Road, 17th Cross, Lohith Nagara, Nelamangala - 562123. that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Nelamangala Branch**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on **12.04.2024 at 11.30 a.m.** for recovery of **Rs. 23,05,228.50** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Eighty and Paise Fifty Only) as on 15.03.2024 with further interest and expenses due to **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Nelamangala Branch** with subsequent interest and expenses.

The Reserve Price will be Rs. 57,00,000/- and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 5,70,000/-.

Place of submission of EMD and Aution	**Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd Nelamangala Branch,** Weavers Colony Bus Stop, B.H.Road, Nelamangala-562123.
Date and Time of E-Auction Sale	**12.04.2024 at 11.30 A.M**
Upset Price	**Rs. 57,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh only)**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Land to the extent of 800.00 sq.ft situated at New Nelamangala Nagarasabe Gramatana Site No. 212/1, Khaneshumari No.860/212/1, E-Katha No. 150300700700120019, Near ADA Office, Lohith Nagara, Basavanahalli Grama Panchayath, Kasabahobli, Nelamangala Municipal, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District and Residential Building thereat to the extent of GF - 760.00 Sq.ft, FF - 760.00 Sq.ft and SF - 700 Sq.ft totally 2220.00 Sq.ft including all amenities standing in the name of Mr. A. Narayana Murthy S/o. Mr. Hanumaiah. **Boundaries : North :** Vacant Site No. 212, **South :** Government Halla, **East :** Vacant Site, **West :** Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website **(www.tmb.in)**.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 16.03.2024
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.
Bengaluru Region (For Nelamangala Branch)

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

(A Government of India Undertaking)

M. S. R. S Nagar Branch, # 1000, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru-560076.

POSSESSION NOTICE 13(4) (For Immovable Property) APPENDIX- IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Bank of Baroda, M.S.R.S. Nagar Branch, Bengaluru,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated: **21.11.2023** calling upon the **Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors: Smt. Umamaheswari,** No.78/39, Ground Floor, 8th Cross, Shankarappa Garden, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.52,20,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) as on **21.11.2023** inclusive of interest upto **01.10.2023** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **16th March 2024.**

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs.52,20,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) as on **21.11.2023** inclusive of interest upto **01.10.2023** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Schedule 'A' Property

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted Site bearing No.176, BBMP Katha No.2447/176/2073/2611 carved out of converted Sy No.46/1, 46/2, 46/3, 43/4 43/6, 43/7 and 43/8, duly converted vide DC conversion order No.BDS.ALN(S)SR(KT) 27/2004-05 Dated 26-06-2004, situated at Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, now called as ABM Residency, within the limits of BBMP and measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring 2,400 Square Feet and bounded on the : East by : Plot No.135, West by : Road, North by : Plot No.175, South by : Plot No.177.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

201 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" Property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment No. S-203, on the Second Floor, in the multistoried Apartment Building Complex known as "GURU RESIDENCY", having Super Build up Area measuring 804 Square Feet, constructed on the schedule 'A' property, alongwith One exclusive Covered Car Parking Space in the Stilt Floor and bounded on the : East by : Corridor, West by : Open to Sky, North by : Staircase, South by : Lift.

Date : 16.03.2024
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

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ROBERT H SCHULLER

REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Repco Home Finance

YELAHANKA BRANCH : No. 954, First Floor, 16th B Cross, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas the undersigned being **Authorised Officer** of **Repco Home Finance Limited** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice on the dates mentioned below, calling upon them** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower, Co-Borrowers and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Co-Borrowers, Guarantor and the public in general that **the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **12th day of March 2024.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrowers, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Repco Home Finance Limited, Yelahanka Branches for an amount and interest thereon mentioned below against each account.**

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at anytime before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

Sl.No.1: Borrower: Mrs. K S Shubha (Deceased), W/o,Late K.A.Suresh, **Co-Borrower : Mr. K A Suresh (Deceased)**, S/o.Mr. V A Kundanam, Minor. K S Chaithany (Legal Heirs of Late K.A.Suresh) D/o,Late K.A.Suresh, No.82, Dhanmaraj Koil Streeet, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka, Near GRR Choultry, Bangalore - 560 001.**Guarantor Mr. V Gururaj,** S/o.Mr. Venkatesh V, No.255/1, 9th Main, Palace Guttahalli, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560003. **Also at:** Guru Motors and Enterprises, No.255/1, 9th Main, Palace Guttahalli, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560003.

Demand Notice Date: 23-11-2023 Amount claimed as per Demand Notice **(Account No.1341816003052)** being **Rs.43,58,646/-** respectively with further interest from **16-11-2023** onwards and other costs thereon; **Amount Outstanding: Rs.45,60,493/-** respectively with further interest from **07-03-2024** onwards and other costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Schedule property bearing No.82, old No.89, New Municipal Khatha No.82, situated at Dharmaraja Koil Street, Civil Station, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, now coming under the limits of BBMP Ward No.79, PID No.79-8-82, measuring east to west: 6.09 meters, north to south: 6.72 meters, totally measuring 380 Sq.ft out of which 200 Sq.ft commercial and 180 Sq.ft residential together with ground, first, second, third and fourth floor, RCC roofed residential building, mosaic flooring, jungle wood for doors and windows, constructed with bricks with cement wall with all civic amenities with total built up area of 1140 Sq.ft. in the ground floor 200 Sq.ft. for commercial and 180 Sq.ft. for residential is situated within the following **Boundaries: North** : Gadi Guruswamy's House, **South** : Meda Kumbhiah's House & DK Street, **East :** Seenaiah Chetty's House, **West** : House of Dasappa and Kumbiah Chetty. Total extent on 380 Sq.Ft. area of land with building has got all usual pathway rights, easement rights relating thereto.

Sl.No.2:- Borrower: Mr. P. Samykannan, S/o. C. Ponnusamy, No. 11, Ward No. 191,Baburaj Layout, Singasandra, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore - 560 068. **Also at: M/s. Swamy Enterprises,** No. 5/7, Kavery Nilaya, Munireddy Layout, GB Palya, Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560 068. **Co-Borrower : Mr. C. Ponnusamy**, S/o. Chinna Perumal No.13/12, Jaker Mottur, Kothapetta, Venkatapuram, Krishnagiri - 635 001. **Also at:** No. 11, Ward No. 191, Baburaj Layout, Singasandra, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore - 560 068. **Guarantor: Mr. P. Perumal,** S/o. C. Ponnnusamy No.13/12, Jaker Mottur, Kothapetta, Venkatapuram, Krishnagiri - 635 001. **Also at:** Sri Hari Cars No.10, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore - 560 068.

Demand Notice Date: 15-11-2023 Amount claimed as per Demand Notice **(Account No.1341860003082)** being **Rs.41,34,124/-** respectively with further interest from **15-11-2023** onwards and other costs thereon; **Amount Outstanding: Rs.43,03,863/-** with further interest from **07-03-2024** onwards and other costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.2, in property No.15/2, as per BBMP record B Khatha SL. No.613, property No.15/2/2, measuring east to west 47+43/2 Ft. north to south 29+50/2 Ft. all measuring 1777.5 Sq. Ft., of Singasandra Grama, Begur Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, presently comes under the limit of BBMP Bangalore is bounded within the following boundaries: **Boundaries: East** by : Previously site No.1, presently Road, **West by :** Site No.2A, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Private property.

Sl.No.3:- Borrower: Mr. Tharakesha D S, S/o. Mr. Dibbur Veerappa Shivakumar, Flat No.2102, 1st Floor, 9th Block, Janapriya Township, Magadi Road, Kadabagere Village & Post, Bangalore - 562130. **Also at:** Mahadeshwara Enterprises, Flat No.2102, 1st Floor, 9th Block, Janapriya Township, Magadi Road, Kadabagere Village & Post, Bangalore - 562130. **Co-Borrower : Mrs. Roopa S**, W/o.Mr. Tharakesha D S,Flat No.2102, 1st Floor, 9th Block, Janapriya Township, Magadi Road, Kadabagere Village & Post, Bangalore - 562130. **Guarantor: Mr. Shashikanth S N** W/o. Mr. Nagaraj, No.21, Ground Floor, 1st Cross,1st Main Near Eshwari School, Eshwari Nagar, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085.

Demand Notice Date: 27-10-2023 Amount claimed as per Demand Notice **(Account Nos.1341870002810 & 1341820003297)** being **Rs.11,53,534/- & Rs.3,12,170/-** respectively with further interest from **27-10-2023** onwards and other costs thereon; **Amount Outstanding: Rs.12,08,689/- & Rs.3,29,678/-** with further interest from **07-03-2024** onwards and other costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: Schedule of Property – A : All that piece and parcel of proportionate undivided share of land measuring 150.70 Sq.ft., or 14.02 Sq.Mtrs out of land measuring 26990 Sq.ft. or 2511 Sq.Mtrs. covered by Block No. III, IV and IX situated at Survey No.10/1 And Khatha Nos.192 and 193 at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, in Janapriya Township and is situated within the following **Boundaries: North :** Road, **South** :Open Space for Setback, **East** : Open Space for Setback, **West** :Open Space for Park.

Schedule of Property – B : All that piece and parcel of land as super built up area of 675 Sq.ft., (Inclusive common service area and balcony area) of Flat No.2102 in Block No.IX situated at Survey No.10/1 and Khatha No:852/229/2102 and E-Katha No:150200201400201123 Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, in Janapriya Township. and is situated within the following **Boundaries: North**: Flat No.2099, **South:**Flat No.2103, **East** :Passage to Staircase, **West:** Open to Sky. Total extent on 675 Sq.ft. area of land and building has got all usual pathway rights and easement rights relating thereto.

Date :12-03-2024
Authorised Officer,
Repco Home Finance Ltd.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office-** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	K S Prashanth/ Choodamani N R/ Sitaram A K/ LBBNG00006153899/ LBBNG00006153897	Property 1 : Schedule Of A Property Flat No. S5 2ndfloor A Block Shivaganga Galaxy Vajrahalli Village Uttarhalli Bangalore 560062 All that piece and parcel the combined Property of Item Nos. I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and DX bearing BBMP No.275/101/28, situated at Vajarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Hemmigepura Ward No.198, Vajarahali Bangalore, measuring all together 15,179 Square Feet, and bounded on the:- East by : Property belongs to C. Chandrashekar and Road, West by : Property belongs to Srinivas, Manjunath, Nagaraju, Devaraju and Byamma, North by : Road, South by : Road Schedule"b" Property All that piece of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.S5 (3 BHK), 'A' Block, situated in Second Floor, of the Apartment "shivaganga Galaxy", Measuring 1270 sq. ft. of super built up area over the Schedule 'A' Property, consisting of Three Bed Rooms, hall, Kitchen, Attached Bathrooms-cam- Toilets, Vitrified flooring. All doors of Teak wood Franc with BST & OST Shutters and connected with Electricity, water and Sanitary along with One covered car parking slot in the Stilt/basement floor und all other facilities, Lift, Generator, KEB connection, and all other. other facilites is bounded on the:- East By: Staircase; West By: Property belongs Nagaraju, Devatal Sinivas, Manjunath, and Byamma; North By: Flat No.S6 A Block South By: Flat No. S4 A Block Schedule "C" Property Undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property equivalent to 360 sq. Ft Property 2: Schedule of A Property Flat No F5,1st Floor A Block Shivaganga Galax, Uttarhalli Hobli, Na, Bangalore 560062 All that piece and parcel of the combined Property of Item Nos.I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX bearing BBMP No.275/101/28, situated at Vajarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Hemmigepura Ward No.198, Vajarahalli, Bangalore, measuring all together 15,179 Square Feet, and bounded on the:- East by: Property belongs to C. Chandrashekar and Road, West by: Property belongs to Srinivas, Manjunath, Nagaraju, Devaraju and Byamma, North by: Road, South by: Road. Schedule"b" Property All that piece of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. F5 (3 BHK), 'A' Block, situated in. First Floor, of the Apartment "Shivaganga Galaxy measuring 1270 sq. ft. of super built up area over the Schedule 'A' Property, consisting of Three Bed Rooms, hall, Kitchen, Attached Bathrooms-cum- toilets, Vitrified flooring, All doors of Teak wood Frame with BST & OST Shutters and connected with Electricity, water and Sanitary along with One covered car parking slot in the Stilt/basement floor and all other facilities, Lift, Generator, KEB connection, and all other facilities is bounded on the:- East By : Staircase; West By: Property belongs to Srinivas, Manjunath, Nagaraju, Devaraju and Byamma; North By: Flat No.F6 'A' Block; South By: Flat No.F4 'A' Block; Schedule "C" Property Undivided Right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property equivalent to 360 sq. ft/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/ 14/ 03/ 2024.	13.12.2023 Rs. 22,07,670.00/- Rs. 21,04,355.00/-	Bangalore
2.	Mahesh Babu/ Soundarya M/ LBBNG00005259663	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Municipal Khatha No.15 (old No.8) Site No.9A And 10A, At Cholurpalya, Kempapura Agrahara, Present Manjunathanagar, Bangalore. Measuring East To West: 30 Feet, North To South: 30 Feet And Bounded On The East By: Property of Vinayakam West By: Property No.10a North By: Private Property South By: Road./ Date of Symbolic Possession On/13/03/2024.	11.12.2023 Rs. 17,48,097.00/-	Bangalore
3.	Mukarram Pasha/ Farhan Pasha/ LBBNG00005550086	Schedule 'A' Property All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable House Property Bearing Gramatana Katha No.20/2, Property No.151, Situated At Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Within The Limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.181, New Municipal No.68 (old No.151 (20/2), Pid No.55- 182-68, Situated At 4th Main, Illiyasa Nagara West, Bangalore, Measuring East To West: 50-0 (fifty) Feet And North To South: 30-0 (Thirty) Feet, Totally Measuring 1500 Square Feet, And Bounded On:- East By: Road, West By: Site Bearing No. 132, North By: Road, South By : Site Bearing No. 150. Along With Rcc Roofed House Constructed On Schedule Property Comprising of 10 Squares In The Ground Floor And 3½ Squares In The First Floor. The House Is Built With Brick And Cement Mortar, Doors And Windows Fitted With Jungle Woods, Mosaic Flooring, With All Civic Amenities./ Date of Symbolic Possession On/14/03/2024.	11.12.2023 Rs. 22,16,232.00/-	Bangalore
4.	M Kadar Valli/ Yakoob M/ LBBNG00005919883/ LBBNG00005967424	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Bengaluru South Taluk, Kengeri Hobli, Presently Comes Under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Kengeri Ward No. 159, Come Within Kengeri Main Zone, Kengeri Village Katha No. 6588, Katha No. 3774/1225, South Portion of Site No. 39, Present Bbmp Katha No. 6601/1, Present Site No. 3774/1225/39/1 In Between East-West: 33-0 Sq Ft, North- South 25-0 Sq Ft, Total 825 Sq Ft Vacant Site Bounded By: North: North Portion of Property No. 39 South: Property No. 39/a East: Road West: Road/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/14/03/2024.	09.11.2023 Rs. 24,44,337.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: March 19, 2024
Place: Bangalore
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

TENDER NOTICE

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AMARAVATHINAGAR - 642 102,
UDUMALPET TALUK,
TIRUPUR DISTRICT

Invites Sealed Tenders before 08-04-2024 to Supply Stitched Uniforms as Enlisted in Our School Website www.sainikschoolamaravathinagar.edu.in.

PRINCIPAL

BEFORE THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU RURAL

Crl. Misc. No.278/2024

BETWEEN: 1. SMT. MANJULA .H, W/o Late. Lakshmi Prakash, aged about 58 years, **2. SMT. HAMSAVENI,** D/o Late Lakshmi Prakash, aged about 31 years, Both R/at No. 17, Kodagi Thirumalapura, T.B. Cross, Near Anjaneya Temple, and I.I.H.R, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru -560 089 ...**PETITIONERS**

AND: TAHASILDAR, Chief Registrar of Birth and Deaths, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru ...**RESPONDENT**

GENERAL PUBLIC

Whereas, the Petitioners have filed the above petition under section 13 (3) of Birth and Death Act for seeking Death certificate of Sri. Lakshmi Prakash S/o. Late. Siddaramappa i.e., Husband of 1st Petitioner and father of 2nd Petitioner, who died on 27/10/2016 at the residence of No. 17, Kodagi Thirumalapura, T.B Cross, Near Anjaneya Temple, and I.I.H.R, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 089. Therefore, if any persons having any objections, they may file their statement of objections in the above petition through in person or through their Advocate on **16-04-2024 at 11.00 A.M** before this Hon'ble Court, failing which the above petition will be decided in absence of you.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this, 16-03-2024

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore

Advocate Address: **Sri N. Mohan Kumar**
No. 35, 1st Floor, 1st Block, 5th Cross, Railway Parallel Road, Near Gandhi Nagar Higher Secondary School Kumara Park West, Bengaluru- 560 009.

IN THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 7789/2018 [CCH-68]

BETWEEN: MRS. MUNEERA, Wife of Mr. Noorulla A., aged about 40 years, Residing at No.30, Haines Road Cross, Nehrupuram, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560 001 ...**PLAINTIFF**

AND: MR. GAYYUR HASAN, AND ANOTHER ... **DEFENDANTS**

SUIT SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT No. 1

1. SHRI. GAYYUR HASAN, Son of Mr. Yaqub, aged about 42 years, Residing at No.2428, 5th Cross, Hanifiya Masjid Road, Kushalnagar, Bengaluru- 560 045

You are hereby informed that, the plaintiff has filed the above suit against you and other defendant for the relief of perpetual Injunction in respect of Schedule Property more fully described in the schedule written hereunder and hereinafter called as the Plaint Schedule Property.

Hence you are hereby summoned to appear on **14-06-2024** at **11.00 AM** before the Hon'ble City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru [CCH-68] either in person or through the pleader. Failing which, the above said case will be heard and disposed off in your absence as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property House bearing Site No. 1270, Assessment No. 62/1, Old Khata No. 918, New BBMP Khatha No. 918/1270/62/1, situated at Mattekar Lane, Kadugondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, presently coming under Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 24, Bengaluru measuring 600 Square Feet, bounded on the **East by:** Site No. 1276, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No. 1271 Measuring On the East: 20 Feet, on the West 20 Feet" On the North: 30 Feet, on the South 30 Feet" The total site area of the Schedule Property measures about 600 sq.ft.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 28/2/2024

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
Omkara N. Associates, Advocates
No. 96/1, 3rd Cross, Singayanapalya, Mahadevapura Post, Bengaluru - 560 048.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. INDUMATHI .M ADAM** is intending to purchase Schedule Property from **Sri. H.N. SRINIVAS, Smt. RAMAA KRISHNA PRASAD, Sri. HIREMAGALUR.N. SRIHARI Sri. HIREMAGALUR NARASIMHACHAR BALA GOPALAN.** This public Notice is hereby given for the information of General public that any persons or banks or Financial institutions having any right, title, interest or claim against the Schedule Property, may contact with documentary proof in support of her/their claim. If no claim is so lodged with us within the said period **of 15 days** from this date of publication, it shall be presumed by my client that no one has any claim against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the 2 Bed Room residential apartment/flat bearing No.001, BBMP Khatha PID No.100-719-12, measuring 1150 Sq.ft of Super Built-Up-Area, with 243 Sq.ft Undivided share, right, title and interest in the land right, title and interest in the site area, comprised in the Schedule A Property with all other amenities, with Two Bed Rooms, One Dining Hall, Drawing Room, Kitchen, Bath Rooms, on the Ground Floor of the building known as STANBERRY COURT constructed on the Schedule A Property bearing old No.35, 36, Vp Khatha No.68/1 & 72, Corporation No.3, New No.12, 60 feet Road, Nagashettihalli, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.100, New Ward No.19, Sanjaynagar Ward, measuring East to West 75 feet, North to South 102 feet totally measuring 7650 Sq.ft, with Marble Flooring, Tiles and Aluminium window Frames, Main Door Teak wood frames, other doors Sal Wood, together with proportionate share in other areas of common use and one car parking and apartment and bounded on:

East by : Private property
West by : Apartment No.2
North by : Road
South by : Road

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Mobile.9880039866, Date:18-03-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOSS OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

State Bank of India, SMEC, Banaswadi, Horamavu Road, Bangalore-560025, do hereby notify that Smt. Sulochana W/o Late Mahadeva had taken housing loan by deposit of title deeds on property Site No.317, the details of the vide Loan A/c No.62236694410 and same has been closed on 08.04.2015.

While handing over the documents soon after closure of loan amount, bank has noticed that, 1) Sale Deed Dated 19.09.2001, Executed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, in favour of Smt. Sulochana W/o Late Mahadeva, duly registered as document No.8449/2001-02, in the office of Additional Sub-Registrar, Bangalore, is either misplaced or lost.

The Branch has registered the police complaint before the Bangalore City Police on 16.11.2016 the said case is registered under section 155 of CRPC, Lost Article Report vide serial No. 35224, lost Report No. 035224/2016.

In view of the above, it is hereby called upon to the general public that, if anybody comes across with the said original document, the same may be returned to the undersigned and also the General Public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with the said property based on the lost/misplaced document in any manner whatsoever, will be doing so, at their own cost, risk and liabilities and my client will not be held responsible in any manner for any such transactions. Further, If any transaction done by any will not be binding on bank and the borrowers.

Persons who have knowledge or found or in custody of the above documents may report the same to Branch Manager contact No. 08025453570 or having any right in the schedule property may lodge their written claim/s with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence **WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of this publication and claims received thereafter will not be binding on the bank or on the owner of the property

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of the site demarcated as Site No. 317, 2nd 'C' Cross, Bhuvannagiri, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore- 43 measuring East to West 9 meters and North to South 12 meters, in all measuring 108 Square meters and bounded on:

East by : Site No.2, CC 315
West by : BDA Property
North by : BDA Property
South by : 2nd C cross Road

BRANCH MANAGER
(SMECC Banaswadi SBI)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Prabhavathi HN, residing at 109, Unicon Foland Apartment, Ganigarapaly, ReshmeNagar, Bengaluru-560109, am kindly requesting the return of some important original documents that I have unfortunately lost. These documents include the Mother Deed, Gift Deed, Katha Certificate, and Extract of my House Property, property details/ identification: Ramachandra G, House No.40 Ground Floor and 40/2 Second Floor, Shakambari Nagar, JP Nagar 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560078, with PID # 57-278-40 & 57-278-40/2. They are registered under Police Complaint & Lost Report No. 0977579/2024. If by chance anyone comes across these documents, I would be deeply grateful for their return to my address mentioned above or a simple message/call to Ph No.9110459703.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all the General Public that my client Sri Tarikere Marishankaraiah Gopal S/o T.R. Marishankaraiah, aged about 65 years, residing at No.82, SPUR Road, Orpington, BR6 0QN, Kent, United Kingdom, purported to have been executed un Registered General Power of Attorney dated 16-03-2024, bearing Certificate No. IN-KA59369512874150W, purchased by Sri.Tarikere Marishankaraiah Gopal in favour of his brother Sri.T.M.Murali, Aadhaar No. 3207 0239 1828 S/o T.R. Marishankaraiah, residing at No. 102, G.B.Y residency, 3rd Main, Ramanjaneya Nagar, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560 061.

My client has cancelled / revoked the Un Registered General Power of Attorney dated 16-03-2024, bearing Certificate No. IN-KA59369512874150W purported to has been executed by my client in favour of his brother Sri. T.M. Murali by way of this paper publication.

Hence it is hereby informed to all the general public not to make any sort of negotiations or transactions with Sri.T.M.Murali in respect of the related of my client's work and if anybody make any transactions with said person in the name of my client the same is not binding on my client and you will be doing so at your cost, and risk and my clients are no way held liable for the same. My client will also proceed against the said person by initiating criminal and civil proceedings before the competent court of law.

Sd/- **Sri Raghavendra .G,** Advocate
No.100, 1st Main, Lower Palace Orchard, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 003.
Mob : 9743672483

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Sri. S.Anandakrishna S/o Late Sri. S.Satyanarayana, r/at # 132, Dispensary Road / Narayanachetty Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-1, had purchased Residential Flat bearing No. T04, III Floor, measuring 1428 sq ft with super built up area consisting of three bedrooms, along with one covered car parking space in the multistoried residential apartment known as "SUMADHURA SHANGRILLA" constructed over immoveable property at Sy No. 1/8, City Municipal Katha No. 1/8, at Sonnenahalli, also known as Seetharamapalya, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru from Mr. Kartik Krishnamurti, since the said Mr. Kartik Krishnamurti did not honour his commitment and failed to execute sale deed in favour of our client, our client had filed a suit for specific performance on the file of the Addl City Civil Judge, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru, in O.S. 26058/2023, CCH-73, which suit is pending consideration.

This is to give notice to the Public that not to indulge into any transactions with any person/s including from Mr. Kartik Krishnamurti, any person/s so indulging shall be responsible for their transactions the property cannot be subject matter of the said transactions, and no valid rights can be created.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel Residential Flat bearing No. T04, III Floor, measuring 1428 sq ft with super built up area consisting of three bedrooms, along with one covered car parking space in the multistoried residential apartment known as "SUMADHURA SHANGRILLA" constructed over immoveable property at Sy No. 1/8, City Municipal Katha No. 1/8, at Sonnenahalli, also known as Seetharamapalya, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru.

LEGAL AXIS,
M.D. RAGHUNATH,
Skanda Kumar, Advocates
No. 109, 1st Floor, Dharamaraja Koil Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-1. Ph: 9845131550
legalaxis@ymail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in general is hereby informed that My clients, Sri Sadanandan Dhayalan, S/o Dhayalan Natarajan, and Smt Laxmi Kalyan, W/o Sadanandan Dhayalan, both are residing at No 408/N, Amman Nilaya, 7th 'C' Cross, 2nd B Main, Muthyalanagar, Bangalore 560054 are intending to purchase property bearing Site No 98, Formed in Converted Sy No 16/8 and 16/7, Old Sy No 16/3 previous Sy No 16 situated at Myadarahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore within the limits of BBMP Ward No 12 measuring East to West: 40ft and North to South: 30ft in all measuring 1200 sq ft along with residential building consisting of Ground, First, Second and Third Floor totally measuring 3600 sq ft (hereinafter referred to as schedule property) from Mr. Mohan Reddy.P S/o Chinnabba Reddy and Mr. Jayachandra Reddy .P S/o Chinnabba Reddy .P who are in peaceful possession and enjoyment schedule property.

Any person having any rights, title, claim or interest in the said property, by way of sale, inheritance, possession, succession, mortgage, lien, lease, gift or otherwise howsoever in respect of the same, shall intimate the objection in writing to the undersigned Advocate with supporting documents thereof within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice or else any such claims by anyone shall not be considered and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned. And, my client shall proceed to purchase the property mentioned above and no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No 98, Formed in Converted Sy No 16/8 and 16/7, Old Sy No 16/3 pervious Sy No 16 situated at Myadarahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore within the limits of BBMP Ward No 12 measuring East to West: 40ft and North to South: 30ft in all measuring 1200 sq ft along with residential building consisting of Ground, First, Second and Third Floor totally measuring 3600 sq ft with all civic amenities and bounded on

East by: Road, West by: Site No 94, North by: Road, South by: Site No 97.

MOHAN KUMAR .N, Advocate
No 6, Gurukurpa Building, 3rd Floor, 8th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560003.
Mobile No: 8105933345

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, My Client Mr. RAGHUNATHAN.M., Aged about 51 Years, Son of Late MEGHANATHAN & Late RAHOOJA, Residing at NO. 279, NORTH STREET, NEELASANDRA, BNEGALURU SOUTH, BENGALURU-560047, KARNATAKA, MOBILE : 9342623928, is the Absolute Owner and in peaceful possession of the Schedule Property and my Client have lost Original Registered SALE DEED vide Document Reg. No. 3572/1984, in Book-1, Volume : 1926, At Pages : 5 to 7, Registered on : 16/10/1984 before Sub-Registrar of Vellore, Tamil Nadu, which is Mother Deed / Parental Deed in respect of the Schedule Property standing in the name of RAHOOJA, the Mother of My Client, for which my Client has filed Complaint before Karnataka State Police in Lost Report No.0978107/2024 dated : 17/03/2024, all the diligent efforts made by my Client to trace out the same proved futile. If any person/s find the said original documents shall handover to the undersigned Advocate or any person/s having any right, title, interest, claim and ownership over Schedule Property, the same may be informed to the undersigned Advocate, in person, along with the documentary proof, within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which, it is presumed that my client is at liberty to deal with the same in any manner as he deems fit and for his future transactions / dealings in respect of the Schedule Property, the Certified Copy of the above said documents shall be considered as absolute title deeds. Any claim made after the stipulated period, will not be valid and the finder will be suitable rewarded on return of the original documents.

SCHEDULE
(DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY)

All that piece and parcel of Land Measuring to the Extent of 1-ACRE 25-CENTS in Survey Number : 254/1, situated at ARIYUR VILLAGE, VELLORE TALUK, in the District of VELLORE, TAMIL NADU.

SD/- **M. BASAVAIAH,** Advocate,
No.36, 1st Main Road, 2nd Cross, Balarama Layout, Pattanagere, Near Krishna Garden, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru-560098,
Mobile : 9845468056 Date: 18-03-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that my client **SRI.MURUGAN.K,** Son of Sri.Kannaeiram, has lost the following original documents pertaining to the immovable property baring Site No.25, formed in property Assessment No.140, Khatha No.944, situated at Herohalli Village, Yeswanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk some months back in transit.

1) Sale deed dated 12.12.2002 executed by Sri.Hanumaiah represented by his GPA Holder Sri.R.Krishnamurthy in favour of Sri.L.R.Ramesh, registered as document No.19879/2002-03 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk.
2) Sale deed dated 24.11.2004 executed by Sri.L.R.Ramesh in favour of Smt.Chikkagangamma, registered as document No.36149/2004-05 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk.

In case the same are traced by anybody they should hand over the same to the undersigned and also in case anybody is having any claim, charge or interest over the said property, they shall lodge their objections with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice.

D.S. BHAT, Advocate
M/S BHAT ASSOCIATES,
1st Main, 5th Cross, Yeshwanthpur, BENGALURU - 560 022.
Mob : 9916994581
BENGALURU, DATE:18.03.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the general public that my client M. Jyothi Reddy S/o. M. Ramesh Reddy, # No. 101, Sy. No. 21 Katha No. 19/1/21, Bandapura, Bengaluru is intending to purchase all that piece and parcel of the vacant site as described in schedule given hereunder situate at Kowdenahalli Village, R.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, from present joint owners namely Mure Chinna SiddaReddy S/o. Mure Ramachandra Reddy, # No. 16, Thirumalanagar, Thirupathi, Chittor District, AP and Chandrashekar .M, S/o. Muniyappa, No. 4, 1st A Cross, Vijinapura FCI Godown. Any person/s who is/are having any interest, claim or title may lodge their objection in writing with proof of documents with the under signed counsel **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no such claims, objections are received within the stipulated time, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claim received thereafter shall not be entertained on any cause what so ever and same will not be binding on my client and it is presumed that the above said Mure China Reddy and Chandra Shekar M, are having valid right title interest and possession over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

Property bearing Site No. 34 property No 662, Katha No 56, V.P. Katha No. 963 New BBMP Katha No. 527 & SL No 4957, situated at KOWDENAHALLI Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now within limits of BBMP Ward No. 26 Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in Total 1200 Sq feet and bounded on :-

East by : Site No 33, **West by :** Site No 36, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Private property.

D.C. THIMMARAYAPPA, Advocate
No. 95, 1st Floor, Cubbonpet Main, 24th Cross, Bangalore-560002.
Mob : 9972411981

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

SRM e-Tender No. T-2420/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001183)

MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.

"Construction of LILO on 400kV Lonikand-I – Jejuri Ckt-I with Quad Moose Conductor at 765kV Power Grid (Shikhrapur) Substation under Pune Zone, MSETCL, Maharashtra [Route Length (28.869 km)]"

Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website.https://srmetender.mahatransco.in

The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 15.03.2024.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank ALLAHABAD
MALLESWARAM BRANCH
No.15, Saraswathi Complex, 5th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003

APPENDIX - IV (Rule-8(1)
POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Indian Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 12.12.2023 and same has been published in news papers on 24.12.2023 Calling upon the borrowers **Mr Sriram Naik C H, Smt Sumathi, Bhumikanth, Chandrikanth** and **Venkatamma** (All are legal heirs of Mr Lakhshman H Naik diseased co borrower) residing at Old No.32/A, New No.23, 1st Floor, 7th Cross, Thavarekere, Sudduguntepalya, Balaji Nagara, Bangalore-560029 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.38,12,345/- (Rupees Thirty Eight lakhs Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Forty five only)** as on 30.10.2023 and interest at the agreed rate from 31.10.2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / hereunder Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **15th day of March of the year 2024**

We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed There under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Bank** for an amount of **Rs.38,33,947/-** as on 15.03.2024 and interest thereon from 16.03.2024

Mortgaged Assets: Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing New Municipal No.23(Old Nos.32/A &65) havng BBMP PID No.63-128-23 situated at 7th cross, Balaji nagar, Bangalore (Old Thavarekere, Suddguntepalya and 35th division of Bangalore) measuring East to West 15 ft and North to South 40 ft. totally measuring 600 Sq ft with a built up area of 600 Sq.ft consisting of Grund and First floor which **bounded on:** East by: Private Property, West by: Private Property, North By: Private Property, South By: Private Property.

Date: 15/03/2024 — **Chief Manager / Authorized Officer**
Place:Bangalore — **Indian Bank, Malleswaram Branch**

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India

UNION BANK OF INDIA

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Annapoorneshwari Nagar Branch,
No.2, Sri Kamala, 60 feet Road, 11th cross, Annapoorneshwari Nagar Bangalore-560091.
Ph: 9324721311, E-mail: ubin0821314@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Annapoorneshwari Nagar Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices dated calling upon the following Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc,. **within 60 days** from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower under.

1) Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers: 1. (a) Mr. Gangadhar Rao S/o Sathyanarayana Rao, **2. Co-Obligant/ Mortgagor/Guarantor : Mrs Vatsala N** W/o Gangadhar Rao. **Both are Residing at :** Flat No.103. Samtrupthi Enclave Apartment, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Gnanabharathi Post, Bangalore-560091, **Alternate Address :** No.489, Shanthi Nilaya, 3rd Cross, SMV Layout, 8th block, Gidhadakonehalli, Bangalore-560042.

Demand notice dated : 03.01.2024 Possession Notice Date : 16.03.2024

Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.50,30,715/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifteen Only) as on **29.06.2023** together with further interest and charges expenses thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property : Schedule – A Property (description of the entire land Area) All that piece and parcel of converted property /sites bearing Nos.195,196,223,224 bearing BBMP Khatha SL No.2561 presently Property No.2047/4/31/32/1/35/224/223/195/196 situated at Padma Upadhyaya Layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk formed in Sy.No.31,32/1, and 35 duly converted into non-agricultural land as per the conversion certificate No ALN.SR.2017/1970-71 of Nagadevanahalli Village,Kengeri Hobli dt 31.12.1973 measuring East to west 70'-0" ft and North to South 120'-0" ft Totally measuring 8400 Sq ft presently coming under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore vide amalgamated 2561/2047/4/31, 32/1, 35/224, 223,195 and196 and bounded on : East by : Road, West By: Road, North By: Site No.197 and Site No.222, South By: Site No.194 and Site No. 225.

2. Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers: 1(a). B.R.Narasimhamurthy, 1(b) Mrs. Lakshmi Devi W/o B R Narasimhamurthy **Both are residing at :** No.15 Mahalasa Krupa, 3rd Cross, Sadguru Badavane Kanshiramnagar, Lakshmipura, Bangalore-560097. **Alternate Address :** Site No.51, 7th Cross Road, Lakshmipura, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk – 560097.

Demand notice dated : 04.11.2023 Possession Notice Date : 16.03.2024

Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.11,31,861/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty one Thousand eight Hundred and Sixty One Only) and interest/Charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Description of Secured Assets : All that piece and parcel of immovable property (consisting of land and building, owned by Mr. B R Narasimhamurthy) , bearing Khaneshumari No 51, Assessment No 11/185, Gramatana Katha No 11 of Lakshmipura Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West:40 feet, North to South:30 feet in all measuring 1200 sq. ft which comes within Administrative limits of Somashettihalli Village Panchayath having property No.150200203400220926 property No as per Gramapanchayath records 965/11/51, Assessment No as per Gramapanchayath 20-21/07/2015 (as per certificate No 1417348) and bounded on : East By : 25 feet Road, West By : Private Property, North By : Santhana pillai Property, South By : Site No 52 .

The above borrowers / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with the rule 8 of the said Rules on above dates. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 16.03.2024 — **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru — **Union Bank of India**

Central Coalfields Limited
A Miniratna Company
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

NOTICE

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on websites of Coal India Ltd. **www.coalindia.in/**respective Subsidiary Company (CCL, **www.centralcoalfields.in**), CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in** in addition, procurement is also done through GeM Portal **https://gem.gov.in"**

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-TENDER NOTICE

O/o the Executive Engineer, PMU, Electrical Circle,Kattakada,Thiruvananthapuram

E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_644852_2 PAC: 4,50,15,405/- Last Date- 26.03.2024 03.00pm
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_645254_2 PAC: 3,81,02,382/- Last Date- 26.03.2024 03.00pm
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_647825_2 PAC: 2,35,84,878/- Last Date- 27.03.2024 03.00pm

O/o the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kattakada,Thiruvananthapuram

E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_646661_2 PAC: 13,59,48,182/- Last Date- 27.03.2024 03.00pm
E-tender ID: 2024_KSEB_648185_2 PAC: 7,16,74,124/- Last Date- 27.03.2024 03.00pm

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in Ref : PR/MC1/E481/E-tender/2024

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC, Malleshwaram
#97, (Old No.136), Railway Parallel Road
Kumara Park (West), Bengaluru-560020
Telephone: 080-25943730,Email :racpc.bz1@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c No.TL 64198825677

WHEREAS, The Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, RACPC, Yelahanka, Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **19.07.2023** calling upon the borrower **Sri.B.S.Shantha Kumar** S/o Sri.B.C.Shankarappa to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.11,64,219/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Only) as on 17.07.2023 along with further interest at contractual rate from 18.07.2023 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. For administrative reasons, the loan account is now held at RACPC, Malleshwarm, Bengaluru and the undersigned is competent to issue this notice.

The borrower/mortgager having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, RACPC, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru has taken possession of the property, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002, **on 16.03.2024.**

The borrower/mortgager in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.12,03,045/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Three Thousand Forty Five Only) as on 14.03.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 15.03.2024 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon. ***The borrower/mortgager's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.***

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel Residential Property situated in Property No.22, Assessment No. out of No.135, Khatha No.362, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, present address being No.22, Assessment No.135, Khatha No.362, 14th Cross, Thigalarapalya Main Road, Laggere, Bengaluru – 560058 measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet with building constructed thereon, standing in the name Sri.B.S.Shantha Kumar S/o Late B.C.Shankarappa and bounded on:East by : Property of Jagannath, West by : Property of Narayanaswamy, North by : Road,South by :Private Property

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place:Bengaluru — **State Bank of India,**
Date: 16.03.2024 — **RACPC, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SRI.LOKESH.D & SMT.LAKSHMI DEVADURGA,** are the owners of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and they have lost the original Sale Deed dated 22/07/1992 bearing Document No.876/1992-93, Book-I, Volume 1588 at Pages 145-148, executed by Smt. Harjit Kaur W/o Sri.M.S.Sachdeva represented by G.P.A. holder Sri.A.S.Rajanna S/o Sri. Hombegowda in favour of Smt.Shobha W/o Sri.K.Sridhar. registered in the office of sub registrar, Ramanagar, pertaining to the schedule property. In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All piece and parcel of plot bearing No. 113, Khata No.113, New Bidadi Purasabha Khatha No.354/113/113, the layout plan formed in converted survey No.33/34, of Kethiganahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Ft., North to South 40 Et., totally 1,200, and bounded on: **East by :** Site No.112, **West by :** Site No.114, **North by :** Road, **South by :**Site No.108,

N.JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross,
Near NR Colony Bus Stand,
Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore-560019.

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

E-TENDER NOTICE

MSETCL invites online bids (E-Tender) for following

S.N	Tender No. & Description
1	RFx. No. 7000030929; Supply & ETC for replacement of 2Nos existing MOCB DC Breaker with SF6 DC Breaker at HVDC Terminal Station Chandrapur. EMD Rs. 2312092/- & Tender Fees: Rs. 25000/- (GST extra)

Tenders Available at : https://srmetender.mahatransco.in; Due date for online submission upto: 30.03.2024, 11:00 Hrs; Tender Opening 30.03.2024, 12:00 Hrs if possible

--Sd--
Chief Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone Nagpur

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
3rd Floor, Building No. 11/90, Near Old Shivaji TheaterJ.C Road, Bengaluru - 560002,
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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c.No: HL-37736155207/C.C.64067600629

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated: **15.11.2023** calling upon the borrower **Smt. Girija. V L.** w/o Sri.Jayanna.S.Proprietrix **M/s Mounashree Service Station** and Sri.Jayanna. S. as guarantor, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.46,15,689/-** (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Nine only) as on 05.11.2023 with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ Guarantor have failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **16.03.2024.**

The borrower/ Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.56,18,045/-** (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs EighteenThousand Forty Five only) as on 14/03/2024 with interest & expenses thereon. The borrower /Guarantor/ mortgagor attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

Description of the immovable property

1) All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Khaneshwari No.152900101100220073, Khata No.437/383/3, Sy No.211 (New No.211/2) Iggaluru village, Iggaluru Grampanchayat, Virupakshapura Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagar District, measuring12.20x30.5 meters with house building there on standing in the name of Smt. Girija. V. L. w/o Sri. Jayanna.S. And bounded on East by: property belonging to Smt. Girija. V.L., West by: Land of Utha Bhovi, North by: Road and South by: Property belonging to Smt. Girija. V.L.
2) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khaneshwari No.401/383/1, Iggaluru Village, Virupakshapura 1Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramangar District, measuring 30x40 sq.ft, standing in the name of Sri. Jayanna.S. S/o Sri. Chikkaboregowda alias Sannegowda and bounded on East by: Property belonging to Sri. Jayanna.S. West by Property belonging to Sri. Jayanna. S North by: Property belonging To Sri. Jayanna. S. and South by: Property belonging to Sri. Jayanna. S.
3) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing khaneshwari No.402/ 383/2, Iggaluru Village, Virupakshapura Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramnagar District, measuring 52 x16 Sq.ft. standing in the name of Sri. Jayanna. S. S/o Sri. Chikkaboregowda alias Sannegowda and bounded on East by: Property belonging to Sri. Jayanna. S. West by: Property belonging to Sri. Jayanna. S. North By: Property belonging to Sri. Jayanna. S. and Southby: Property belonging to Sri. Jayanna. S.

Place:Bengaluru — **Sd/-** Authorised Officer, State Bank of India,
Date: 16.03.2024 — Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank — **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank LTD., Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No.1 Plot No.B3, WIFI IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane, Maharashtra - 400604

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Megha Yuvraj Zende & Sonali Yuvraj Zende- LBMUM00002375191	Flat No.001, Ground Floor, Maple Block, B Tower, Complex Known as The Greens, Survey No.33, 35/3, 35/4, 174, Off Karpur Village, & Survey No.224, 184/5 & 189, Off Bidaragere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Situated at Karpur Village & Bidaragere Village, Tal- Anekal, Dist- Bangalore, Bangalore- 562106/ March 14, 2024	November 09, 2023 Rs. 16,88,165/-	Mumbai

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: March 19, 2024 — **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore — **ICICI Bank Limited**

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DEMAND NOTICE U/S 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

All of you the under mentioned borrowers/Guarantors/mortgagors are hereby informed that the Bank has initiated proceedings against you under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the notice under Sec.13(2) of the act sent to you by Speed Post/ Registered AD has returned undelivered. Hence all of you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned below against each borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors with interest accruing therefrom within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Bank will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. Please take notice that in terms of section 13(13) of the said Act, you shall not, after receipt of this notice, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured assets above referred to, without prior written consent of the Bank. You are also put on notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence.

Your attention is hereby invited to provisions of sub-section 8 of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets.

1.Borrowers:
1.M/s Elite Mens Saloon,
Proprietor Mr Muniyappa , No.494, A Ground Floor, 8th cross, 10th Main HAL, 3rd Stage, Jeevanbhima Nagar, Bangalore -560075.
2.Mr. Muniyappa, No.135/A, 15th Main, 5th Cross Babesbh Colony, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru -560008.
3.Mr Muniyappa,No.#25/1,1st Floor, Ist Main Raod, Nagappa Reddy Layout, Kaggadasasapura, Bengaluru 560093.
4.Mr Muniyappa, No. 2,2nd Cross, 2nd Main Abbaiah Reddy Layout, Kaggadasapura, Bengaluru-560093.

Branch name/ No. Ac name	Date of Notice 13(2)	NPA Date	Facility availed	Sanctioned Limit	Total outstanding as on 30.09.2023	Details of the secured Assets
BO: Thippasandra (098510) M/s Elite Mens Saloon	**01.01.2024**	**30.09.2023**	**Term Loan 09857011000540**	**Rs.9,60,000/-**	**Rs.13,05,667.50**	Hypothecation/Mortgage of Assets created out of Bank Finance like fixtures and furniture, saloon items, tools, equipment's And any other assets at No.494, A Ground Floor, 8th cross, 10th Main HAL, 3rd Stage, Jeevanbhima Nagar, Bangalore – 560075. **Owned by : M/S Elite Mens Saloon, Proprietor Mr Muniyappa.**
			Term Loan-GECL 09857121000195	**Rs.1,90,000/-**	**Rs.2,01,227.00**	
					Rs.15,06,894.50	

2.Borrowers:
1.M/s Wonderz, Proprietrix Mrs Laxmi M,
32/1 AnnayappaColony,NewThippasandra Main Road, Bangalore - 560075.
2.Mrs Laxmi M , No.494,8th Cross, 10the Main, HAL 3rd stage, Bengaluru - 560075.

Branch name/ No. Ac name	Date of Notice 13(2)	NPA Date	Facility availed	Sanctioned Limit	Total outstanding as on 30.09.2023	Details of the secured Assets
BO: Thippasandra (098510) M/s Wonderz	**01.01.2024**	**30.09.2023**	**Cash Credit 09854011000686**	**Rs.2,00,000/-**	**Rs.2,50,663.00**	Hypothecation/Mortgage of Assets created out of Bank Finance like fixtures and furniture, saloon items, tools, equipment's And any other assets at 32/1, Annayappa Colony, New Thippasandra Main Road, Bangalore-560075. **Owned by : M/S Wonderz, Proprietrix Mrs. Laxmi M.**
			Term Loan 09857011000595	**Rs.8,00,000/-**	**Rs.11,33,993.92**	
					Rs.13,84,656.92	

Place : Bangalore
Date : 19.03.2024

FOR PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
CHIEF MANAGER
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Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER

EDITORIAL

Effective foreign policy requires an understanding of not only international and transnational systems, but also the intricacies of domestic politics in multiple countries

Joseph Nye

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— Ramnath Goenka

WIDER CONSULTATION NEEDED ON ONE ELECTION PROPOSAL

THE Union government has moved quickly on the issue of simultaneous polls for the Lok Sabha and all state legislatures. The Centre-appointed committee headed by former President Ramnath Kovind recently submitted its report on the 'one nation, one election' proposal to the government. The Law Commission is also likely to give its report on the subject soon. But issues relating to federalism and grassroots democratic voices have been raised against the move. The main argument in favour of this move is to save the country from the huge expenses, running into thousands of crores of rupees, incurred for holding frequent elections. The other argument is that the repeated deployment of armed forces on election duty adversely impacts the country's security situation. It is also argued that simultaneous polls will boost voter turnout and end the policy paralysis caused by the frequent imposition of the model code of conduct. These are valid arguments.

But equally compelling arguments have been raised against it. The parties opposed to it—including the Congress, the Left parties, SP, BSP, DMK, AAP and TMC—have argued that simultaneous polls will allow for the dominance of national issues and undermine the state and local issues on which assembly elections are fought. The unique problems confronting different states that are championed by regional parties may be overshadowed by the national agenda of large parties, putting the regional parties at a disadvantage. Frequent elections also keep politicians on their toes; a change in the system may diminish their accountability.

When India gained independence, it started off with simultaneous elections. But premature dissolution of state assemblies brought in the present system, which followed a natural cycle based on the need. The government proposes to break this cycle and enforce uniformity. The Kovind committee has suggested that in case of premature dissolution of an assembly or the Lok Sabha, elections should be held only for the remaining term so that the end of the term coincides with the next election cycle. So the committee's prescription may not drastically bring down the number of elections. Significant issues have been raised by those who are in favour of the move and those opposed to it. The two sides need closer engagement to find a common ground. The government should allow wider consultation before taking a final view on the subject.

NEW EV POLICY IS A BREAK FROM THE PAST

THE government's decision to drastically reduce the import duty on fully-built electric vehicles from 70 percent to 15 percent is a big move that indicates a break with the past. It is also a climbdown by the government on its Atmanirbhar policy, under which it has encouraged domestic manufacturing by keeping import duties high on several goods. The new policy also shows that the government is ready to go the extra mile to attract big companies. The policy is the result of months of hard bargaining between the government and one of the world's largest EV manufacturers, Tesla. The US-based company, owned by maverick businessman Elon Musk, had set out conditions for investing in India—bringing down the import duty for a limited period was one of them. The hard bargain seem to have worked with the government, which has taken pride in attracting marquee brands to manufacture in India.

The new policy states the government will now allow, for a period of 5 years, the import of completely built-up (CBU) electric cars that have a minimum cost, insurance and freight value of $35,000 at a 15 percent import duty. At present, CBU vehicles priced more than $40,000 attract a 100 percent duty, while those below $40,000 are subject to 70 percent tax. But the benefit of lower import duty will be available only for companies that commit a minimum investment of ₹4,150 crore or $500 million to manufacture in India. The companies will also have to comply with additional conditions such as increasing the rate of localisation to 25 percent within three years and to 50 percent in five years.

The new EV policy is significant given the climate goals India has set out to achieve by 2030 in the short term and by 2070 in the long term. India has committed to reducing the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45 percent by 2030 and achieving net-zero emissions by 2070. The new policy will see more EV options for customers in India as domestic manufacturers, barring a few, have largely played a wait-and-watch game. It would also force many internal combustion engine makers in India to wake up to the need for having an EV market plan in place. The competition, though, would increase in the premium category. Indian manufacturers can still be competitive in the below-₹30-lakh price segment.

QUICK TAKE

A LESSON IN HUMOUR

JOE Biden took a break from his presidential race this weekend to crack a few jokes at the Gridiron Club dinner, a Washington tradition that began in the 1880s. The 81-year-old US president quipped about his 77-year-old challenger in front of world leaders, business bosses and journalists: "One candidate is too old and mentally unfit to be president. The other one is me." Among the things the world's biggest democracy may want to learn from one of the oldest is this tradition of allowing a safe space for the free flow of political humour amid a fractious fight. The other is the idea of holding public debates among the top contenders.

Beijing has reacted sharply to some of New Delhi's recent strategic achievements. The Middle Kingdom needs to be clear about the inevitable rise of its neighbouring middle power

DEVELOPMENTS THAT RATTLED CHINA IN A FORTNIGHT

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD)

Former Commander, Srinagar-based 15 Corps. Now Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir

SOURAV ROY

INTERESTING developments in the domain of Sino-Indian relations took place almost simultaneously last fortnight. The relationship has not been in the best of states since May 2020, when the East Ladakh standoff commenced between the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the Indian Army and resulted in some serious clashes at Galwan on June 15, 2020. The relationship seemed to dive only further south.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the Sela Tunnel, which has been bored at a cost of ₹825 crore and is 1.5 km long at a height of 3,000 metres, well below the height of 4,200 metres at which the Sela Pass exists. The Chinese seemed to have their age-old objection about the visit of any dignitary to Arunachal Pradesh, which they claim as their territory called Southern Tibet (or Zangnam). For the Indian PM, it was perhaps a carefully thought-out measure to assert sovereignty and project a sense of strategic confidence in the face of repeated psychological warfare. The completion of the tunnel in an area it calls its own is itself objected to by the PLA. Little does China and its official media, *The Global Times*, say about the entire corridor it has constructed through Gilgit-Baltistan, an area legitimately belonging to India.

Militarily, the Sela tunnel acts as a force multiplier in the speedy deployment of troops to hot war locations in the Kameng division of Arunachal Pradesh, one of the regions where the PLA and the Indian Army clashed during the Sino-Indian border war in 1962. With all-weather rapid induction of troops, the tunnel provides a psychological boost for India's military commanders who have always had to fret over the optimum size of deployment for winter and the quantum of winter stocking of supplies and ammunition.

For the layman, it needs to be understood that on the PLA side beyond the Bumla pass north of Tawang, the Tibetan plateau opens out into rolling plains, making logistics and reinforcements the least of its problems. Almost on the same lines, Eastern Ladakh also bears for the Indian Army the challenge of the Ladakh range from Leh to the battle areas. Srinagar and Pathankot have a problem of winter connectivity to Leh through the Himalayan and the Zanskar ranges. For the PLA, Indian infrastructure development should be worrisome, but India is only doing what the PLA did 20-30 years ago and continues to do. It should also be aware that permanent locations with habitat and storage have come up in important places all along the LAC, converting it almost akin to the LoC, which is manned very densely by the Indian Army to prevent any loss of territory.

The other development is in the field of future weaponry. India tested the Made-in-India Agni-5 missile with multiple independently targetable reentry vehicle (MIRV) technology. MIRVs consist of several reentry vehicles, each equipped to carry multiple warheads (2-10) that can be designated for various targets, spaced hundreds of kilometres apart. Alternatively, multiple warheads can target a single location.

This is different from other missile technologies, where a single missile carries only one warhead and targets only a single location. Under Project Divyastra, this is a classic Indian achievement. Only the five big powers possess this capability, which is complex enough to let the warheads be decoys for the adversary's anti-ballistic missiles, or cause far greater destruction through delivery of nuclear munitions to multiple targets several kilometres apart.

While the US MIRV capability exists at 12,000-15,000 km, it is not just the long range but the achievement of complex technologies of reentry and multiple targeting that gives greater nuclear deterrence capability to India in a calibrated way. Although Pakistan is reported to be developing a similar capability, India's progress is not aimed at any one adversary but a broad future range of contingencies where the possession of such capability provides inherent deterrence.

Some interesting outcomes appear evident from the successful India MIRV launch. Firstly, with the MIRV range at 5,000 km (with perhaps more to come) China's *Global Times* quotes Qian Feng, a director of one of its research departments, as saying, "It particularly shows that India's main hypothetical enemy is China, with its goal of having missile coverage over China to enhance deterrence capabilities." What China, its leadership and military hierarchy have to realise is that India, too, is developing at a fast rate and gaining greater confidence as its economy, research and development, technology and human parameters all improve. This is natural for any nation to aspire for.

India is fully perceptive that China does not wish to see India grow and become an alternative pole in Asia. Understanding the inevitability of India's growth, China wishes to scuttle whatever it can to delay the achievement of India's aspiration. The actions China commenced in April-May 2020 in Ladakh have been followed by a tirade of hostility to force India to commit itself far more to its strategic security. It continues to include a mix of various measures to keep India on the defensive; the most recent being the placement of spy vessels of the PLA Navy in the vicinity of India's maritime zone to obtain data from Indian technology tests such as the MIRV. Terming 10,000 Indian troops in Eastern Ladakh, under various stages of re-orbating, as increments on the LAC, when these troops have remained deployed here since April-May 2020, is also unfortunate.

What China needs to realise is that keeping Sino-Indian relations in the grey zone of 'friend, adversary, partner or collaborator' is not helpful to either nation. In a competitive world, with a young population and dynamic human capital, India has all the potential to grow beyond the threshold of a middle power; events such as landmark technological achievements will continuously contribute to China's unfortunate perceptions, and the scope for that will increase manifold with more progress. It probably fears this happening before it has achieved its own threshold objectives, such as the re-integration of all its perceived former territories. Being a potential superpower too, it's not easy to let go of perceptions. Can India do anything more to ease misperception and intent? It will give us more leeway for rapid growth and perhaps even collaboration. Time to think.

(Views are personal)

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CAA TURNS BENGAL VOTERS' FOCUS FROM SANDESHKHALI

SHIKHA MUKERJEE

Senior journalist

FORCED to demonstrate that the rules of the Citizenship Amendment Act are indeed workable, Shantanu Thakur from the Matua community, a junior minister in the Narendra Modi regime, has declared his intent of applying for citizenship under the new rules. His impetuous declaration proves that even the strongest advocates of citizenship applications under the new rules understand there are flaws in the process.

As a minister in the union government, why Thakur has to apply to be a citizen is a question that is raising a laugh in West Bengal. His move does reveal the issue for thousands of Matua community members in the state who, even without the citizenship application confirming their status, are employed as government servants, defence personnel and in the para military services. Those not employed in government services and living in India are citizens, just as Thakur is.

For Mamata Banerjee, Thakur's confession is a bonus to the gift the Modi regime gave her by notifying the CAA rules. Having declared that people who came across from Bangladesh in 1971 were citizens with equal rights and that there would be no detention camps in West Bengal, the confusion within the Matua community over CAA is confirmation that Banerjee has been right all along and the Modi regime was intent on dividing the population by sowing doubts about the identity of settlers from across the border.

The BJP's hopes of sucking up Hindu votes along the Bangladesh border by raising the bogey of citizenship may not yield the advantage it calculated would flow from the notification. The loss of opportunity in its failure to stoke the fire of communal polarisation will affect at least half a dozen Lok Sabha constituencies where the party could have expected to do well following the CAA "masterstroke" *(sic)*.

Fast-paced events have changed the political priority of an issue like Sandeshkhali, the remote Sundarban island where a strongman currently with the Trinamool Congress is being held in CBI custody. From capturing the attention of the public nationally, it has sunk to a point where it serves as a filler for both Modi campaigning in West Bengal as well as Banerjee staging a ramp walk to introduce Trinamool's 42 election candidates at Kolkata's iconic Brigade Parade Ground.

Sandeshkhali, it now appears, was a blip on the screen that is rapidly fading as the political competitors engage in a bigger battle to capture or retain the hearts and minds of voters across West Bengal. The change is certainly a small relief for Banerjee politically, as she settles down to defend her turf, counter the accusation of being anti-women and anti-people, and challenge the BJP on its performance as a party for the poor.

PTI

The Centre's notification of the CAA has changed the political wind in the partitioned state where the question of citizenship remains a lightning rod. The war of central and state guarantees also shows the gaps in services and entitlements left by some of the schemes

The race to capture the public imagination is a competition between the BJP on the one hand and the Congress, regional and smaller parties on the other. The fight is in large part over the fulfillment of the guarantees the Modi regime offered in 2019 and the next round of guarantees he has offered across the country. In West Bengal, the guarantees of the Mamata government to deliver immediate relief and cash transfers to women, school-going students, unemployed young men and women, the sick and the old are part of the safety net she has put in place to mitigate the impact of poverty and access to opportunities.

The guarantee-versus-guarantee fight, between the credibility of guarantor Modi versus other guarantor Banerjee, is a pattern repeated in states where regional parties are in power. It can be argued that this is competitive populism. It can also be argued that regional parties in power like the Trinamool are compelled to find ways of covering the deficits in terms of services and entitlements left behind by the Centre's policies and welfare programmes.

In recent public rallies, it was inevitable that Banerjee focused on how the Modi government had penalised the poor in West Bengal by withholding, for two years, outstanding payments to 23 lakh people under the national rural employment scheme and release of payouts under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. It was just as predictable that Modi would attack the West Bengal regime for blocking the flow of benefits under the Ujjwala and Ayushman Bharat schemes, and obstructing the development of the state.

There is no doubt that West Bengal is for Modi, as it is for Banerjee, an important theatre of the war for votes in 2024. Quite apart from the obvious opportunity the state offers for the BJP as it scrambles to find almost 70 seats that it must add to fulfill Modi's target of a 370-seat haul, there is also the pain and the humiliation it suffered in 2021 when it made a no-holds-barred pitch to capture the state and install a BJP government.

This much was obvious from Modi's speech in Siliguri, where he declared winning big in West Bengal in the Lok Sabha would be a stepping stone to winning the state in 2026. To get to 2026, the BJP and Modi need to engage with voters across West Bengal and link them to the larger arena of politics across the country, where the idea of double-engine sarkars and *vikas* have succeeded in various states.

The incompetence of the national political leadership in stitching together a narrative that can include the issues of land grab and the nexus between politics, administration and crime unveiled by the incidents in Sandeshkhali and the snags in unrolling benefits under national schemes is one reason why a plan like 'one nation, one election' seems a bad alternative to a flawed system of multiple elections at different times. The diversity of challenges and the difference in the scales on which solutions need to be found defy the logic of one election.

(Views are personal)

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Without bias

Ref: *General elections to test ECI credibility as a bipartisan body (Mar 18)*. Election commissioners are appointed to verify the credibility of candidates. They are bound by rules to ensure the smooth functioning of elections. It is the ECI's job to ensure no candidate is trying to use unfair means or spreading fake news to win votes. One hopes they do their job dutifully and without bias.
Ravi Nair, Palakkad

Model code

It will be a nail-biting electoral battle for a month and a half with seven-phase polls in problematic states like West Bengal. Kharge's fears of Modi's gift of eloquence enticing voters in long spells towards the lotus symbol are to be accepted and cannot be avoided. The CEC must be severe on violators of the model code of conduct and should not be subservient to parties in power and disqualify culprits without fear or favour.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Tall claims

Ref: *Inclusive growth in India key to Viksit Bharat (Mar 18)*. An exhaustive evaluation about the present state of the Indian economy will show us that even after 75 years since independence, our performance is far from satisfactory. There is no meaning in projecting tall claims that our economy is robust.
B V K Thampi, Thiruvananthapuram

Condemn attacks

Ref: *Int'l students of Guj varsity attacked over prayer row (Mar 18)*. The violent attack by a mob on some foreign Muslim students inside the Gujarat University hostel in Ahmedabad while they were offering namaz needs to be condemned in unequivocal terms. Attacks on Muslims seem to have become a routine in India ever since the BJP came to power. Hate against them has gone mainstream.
R Sivakumar, Chennai

Against Constitution

The assault on foreign Muslim students will bring a bad name to the country. This unfortunate incident is against the letter and spirit of our Constitution wherein secular values are enshrined. The authorities should come down heavily against the culprits.
N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Religious tolerance

It is a disgrace that those who were praying were attacked. Such atrocities are unheard of from any democratic country. We, being the largest democracy, should be a good example to others regarding religious tolerance. But no neta of the ruling party ever takes a stand condemning such heinous acts. Religious intolerance is not good for any nation.
M Haneef, Kottayam

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Samrat Choudhary @samrat4bjp
NDA will contest elections with full strength on all the seats in Bihar and we will win all the seats.

Manish Tewari @ManishTewari
The analysis of the electoral bond saga would only be complete when the donor and donee of each bond is identified and cross referenced. Only then would quid pro quo be established.

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
BJP forced electoral bonds on all parties as only way to take donations. But regional parties don't control ED, CBI or Income Tax.

'Be ready for a surprise result coming from Bengal'

PM Modi has been making frequent trips to Tamil Nadu as the state is Uttar Pradesh of South, says political strategist Prashant Kishor at Hyderabad Dialogues

THE BJP's target of 400 seats is psychological warfare and the party on its own is highly unlikely to win 370 seats, said ace political strategist **Prashant Kishor**. Speaking at the **Hyderabad Dialogues** organised by this newspaper, he nevertheless said that the BJP is currently in pole position and predicted that it will outperdo better than the Trinamool in West Bengal. Kishor highlighted PM Modi's frequent visits to Tamil Nadu and noted the party will increase its vote share in the southern state. **Excerpts:**

PM Modi is on campaign mode. Does the BJP look more set for the race than anyone else in the fray? Do you therefore see 2024 as a foregone conclusion?

I don't think they have done anything that they have not been doing in the last five years. He (PM Narendra Modi) is in campaign mode forever. So to that extent, I don't see this as an aberration. I don't have a crystal ball to make a prediction about who is going to win, but one can make an informed guess. The BJP-led NDA, for sure have a massive advantage over their opponents. Not necessarily because they are early with their campaign, not necessarily because he (Modi) is hugely popular, not only because they have huge electoral muscle.

It is because the Opposition has not been able to put their act together, certainly not well in time to raise a challenge. In a democracy, especially in a country like India, one should never underestimate the size or the opportunity for the Opposition. A majority of Indians are always in opposition. No party gets more than 40% of the vote. It is not a subjective assessment. Just look at data from the last 75 years. Nobody has been able to get 50% or more votes in India. Meaning, whoever went to vote, more than half were not convinced with who you are, your policies, your promises, your ideology. So, the Opposition is never weak in India. When you have close to 700 million people still not making ₹100 a day, you must not take the Opposition lightly.

What we are seeing is Opposition parties, or the formation of Opposition parties, could be weak. The Opposition, per se, is not weak in this country. And that is why a leader like Modi perpetually appears to be in campaign mode. If elections were to happen tomorrow, there is no prize for guessing that the BJP-led NDA would have a huge advantage.

Sitting in the Deccan plateau, how realistic does BJP's Mission South look like?

There's a tendency to say the South is terra incognita for the BJP. But in reality, it is emerging as a force in Telangana with a 14% vote share, making deft moves in Andhra Pradesh, and has run governments in Karnataka. Firstly, in a pan-South sense, what do you think of the typology of the whole region having a reflexive "anti-BJP" politics of seeing them as a "northern" party?

I think it is an oversimplification. I have never subscribed to this idea of North-South from the BJP's politics point of view, because in Karnataka for almost 20 years now, they have been either the ruling party or principal opposition. So this North-South thing does not hold.

What does hold is the whole country, you can make a division — East and South, and West and North. When I say East and South, I start from Bihar. Then I go to Bengal, Odisha and come down to Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala. This East and South roughly accounts for 210 seats. For the BJP, even with their 'great performance' in last election in Bengal, Odisha, and in Bihar with 100% strike rate, total count is less than 50 — including 17 in Bihar, and 18 in Bengal. A lot of people think that the BJP has swept Bihar. But the BJP fought only 17 out of 40 seats, and they won 17. In Bengal, they won only 18 seats. Out of these around 210 seats, the BJP's total count is less than 50.

If you are a BJP supporter, you'd like to see whether your graph is increasing in East and South or not. One can safely say that their graph is increasing. It may not immediately translate into a dramatically higher number of seats, but definitely this tally is going to go up. From Bihar, Bengal, Odisha, Andhra, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala, the total tally of BJP vis-a-vis what they got in 2019 is going to go up. How much... I don't want to make a guess, but it would be up by a few seats at least. What would be important to understand is their vote share will go up dramatically.

I have already said, and I repeat myself, that in Tamil Nadu, I see BJP breaking into double-digit vote share. That would be a massive development politically, like what we have seen in Telangana, 14%.

So in a state like Tamil Nadu, if the BJP breaks into double-digit vote share, even if they get no seats, that would be a moment of significance. In Odisha, they are already number one. In Bengal, again, I don't want to make a prediction, but unlike most people, I'm predicting that the BJP will do better than the TMC in all likelihood. Be ready for a surprise result coming from Bengal in favour of the BJP.

They're increasing seats in all other states, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra. I don't know if they would be able to add seats in Tamil Nadu or Kerala, but certainly there will be an increase in vote share. So from that point of view, they are the rising political force. It may take five years, it may take 10 years, but they will gain in this area.

They are cognisant of this fact that this is the area where they need to build. They're investing time, energy. Look at the number of visits the PM has made to Tamil Nadu alone in the last five years. Tamil Nadu now ranks third, I believe, only after Gujarat and because of the recent visit to Maharashtra, now Tamil Nadu has gone to number three.

From the opposition point of view, the problem lies in North and West: The remaining 310, 320 seats, where opposition has a strike rate against the BJP in single digits. When I say the opposition, it's not only the Congress, but four parties. The Congress is taking the BJP head on between 220 and 250 seats. In Uttar Pradesh, the SP is taking on the BJP head on in almost 65–70 seats. Then the RJD in Bihar, they are supposed to take on the BJP in 40 seats. And then finally, the NCP in Maharashtra. Until and unless these four parties, the Congress, SP, RJD, NCP, and now Shiv Sena... Unless they get their strike rate against the BJP to at least 25-30%, there is no way you can defeat it at the India level.

But in the same statement is hidden the secret of how you can defeat the BJP. If you get 50% seats in West and North, then 150 MPs would have won either from a platform opposed to the BJP or neutral to any formation, they come into play. Another 150 non-BJP MPs from East and South, club it with [at least] 100 coming from West and North, and you have a game.

The PM is making very frequent trips to Tamil Nadu. It could be that he is so confident of the BJP's performance in the North and Gujarat that he can focus on TN, just to increase vote share, which seems to be a certainty. Do you think he sees a collapse of the AIADMK-DMK binary?

First, the two Dravidian parties which have been in ruling formations in the last 30–40 years, their combined vote share is going down below 70% now. And this has been the case for the last 10–15 years. For the first time, I see it's going below 65% or 60%. That means more than one-third of Tamil voters are looking for some options.

Why would the BJP like to invest so much in Tamil Nadu? It's not because there is a collapse of the DMK or AIADMK, which is not happening by the way. It's simply because, like you cannot dominate the politics of North unless you win UP and Bihar, you cannot dominate the politics of South until and unless you start being a major force in Andhra and Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu is the UP of south. So Karnataka, they have been winning for 15, 20 years. Still, you are calling them a North party. Karnataka is very much South. It's because in the minds of people, the nerve centre of the South is Tamil Nadu.

So from that point of view, there's a strategic, psychological and political game that a long-term player would like to invest in. And I see the BJP, like any other national party, they are long-term players, so they would invest, even if it means 2% or 4% of incremental vote share. Forget about the seats and all. They have enough seats, but they want to expand. And it also gives them cover in 10 years time. Sooner or later, someday, somebody will defeat them in Bihar or UP. They want a cover. That cover will come only from United Andhra or Tamil Nadu. You can't cover for a possible defeat in UP or Bihar by winning Mizoram or Goa. You have to win a large state somewhere else. That's why they are investing this much.

How do you see the re-emergence of Congress in Telangana?

I don't subscribe to this thought process that the Congress was finished in Telangana and all of a sudden they have emerged. Again, when you are looking at data, tell me when the Congress went down below 35% vote share in Telangana ever. It's just that after the victories, most of their MLAs deserted the party and went to the BRS, what used to be the TRS. Even in the last Assembly elections, the Congress did reasonably well. They were the principal opposition.

The Congress was a party with a constant 35% vote share, which refused to go down no matter how hard the BRS tried. So the Congress was not a dead political force, as it is in Tamil Nadu or West Bengal or Bihar or UP, where their vote share has gone down to single digits, 5%, 6%, 7%, over 20-30 years and has not moved to double digits.

Can BJP emerge as a force in Kerala if either the LDF or the UDF collapses?

Again, the question is based on the existing political parties or formations. I would look at Kerala as a society. Why the BJP has found it tough to break into Kerala is because of the huge population of Muslims and Christians. Now if the BJP were to break into Kerala — whether it's the LDF or UDF, forget about that — you have to have substantial support coming from Hindus, OBCs and they have tried that strategy when they played this temple issue in a big way last time. But that's not enough. Unless they break into the Christian vote and a substantial segment of Christian society starts accepting the BJP as an acceptable political ally or a platform, they would find it difficult to win Kerala. So their strategy would be to consolidate or be the dominant player among Hindus and isolate Muslims. Till now it has not happened but they are in that direction.

Language is also a major barrier. If you look at this East and South corridor I talked about, what is distinct is the language. So if you are in Bihar, how do you introduce yourself? Okay I'm Indian and I belong to so-and-so caste. I'm UPite or I am from Madhya Pradesh, but there is no sub-regional identity. But if you are a person from Odisha, you'll say I'm Indian, I'm Odia and then the caste or the class becomes the third layer. So Odisha, Kerala, Andhra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, in all these states, the language is one additional barrier which the BJP, or for that matter, any Hindi-speaking party has to overcome in order to become a dominant political force.

PM Modi is claiming that his party will win 370 to 400 seats. Your take.

Well, this is part of psychological warfare. Just see how the public narrative has been shifted from whether BJP/NDA is winning or losing versus whether they are going to get 370 or not. So the prime minister making that statement on the floor of Parliament has made people, even those who are skeptics, take notice. The BJP appears to be in pole position, they have a massive lead over the opposition formation. But the BJP on its own, going to 370, meaning additional 70 odd seats for them is highly unlikely.

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EC orders removal of home secys of 6 states, Bengal DGP

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

TO ensure fair voting in the upcoming Lok Sabha and assembly polls in a few states, the Election Commission on Monday issued orders for removal of the West Bengal DGP and home secretaries in six states — Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Besides the home secretaries and the DGP, sources said, the EC has also removed the secretaries of the General Administrative Departments of Mizoram and Himachal Pradesh from their position, as they continued to hold charges in the respective Chief Ministers' Offices (CMO).

In the order to the chief secretary of West Bengal, the ECI said, "Rajiv Kumar, IPS, Director General & Inspector General of Police, West Bengal, be shifted to a non-election-related post with immediate effect and his charge should be given to the next senior officer in the police headquarters till posting of new DG & IG."

The West Bengal government on its part issued an order appointing 1988-cadre IPS officer Vivek Sahay as the DG & IGP of the state, replacing Rajiv Kumar until further order.

The poll watchdog has also taken action to remove Brihanmumbai Municipal Commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal, along with several additional commissioners and deputy commissioners, sources said.

The commission had directed all the state governments to transfer officers connected with election-related work, who have completed three years or are in their home districts, soon after the Model Code of Conduct kicked in following announcement of the poll schedule.

Maharashtra had not complied with the directions with respect to a few municipal commissioners and some additional and deputy municipal commissioners.

While conveying displeasure to the Maharashtra chief secretary, the commission directed the transfer of BMC and the additional and deputy commissioners with the direction to comply and report back to it by evening.

The decisions were taken at a meeting of Chief Election Commissioner Kumar and Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu on Monday.

For a level-playing field

- Besides home secretaries and a DGP, the ECI has also ordered removal of secretaries of General Administrative Departments in Mizoram & Himachal Pradesh
- While Bengal carried out the order, Maharashtra failed to comply, after which the EC gave time till evening to report back

Viksit Bharat message breach of model code, privacy: Cong

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

DAYS after the Model Code of Conduct for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections came into force, the Opposition leaders and digital rights activists have flagged WhatsApp messages from the Union government seeking feedback from netizens on its governance initiatives.

As WhatsApp messages on 'Viksit Bharat Sampark' along with a letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi started flooding smartphones, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor took to X, accusing the government of blatant misuse of machinery and data to serve the partisan political interests of the BJP. He invited Election Commission's attention to the matter.

In the online letter addressed to "My dear family members," Modi said, "I look forward to your ideas, suggestions and support as we work to fulfil the resolve of building a Viksit Bharat. Our partnership is at the threshold of completing a decade. The trust and support of 140 crore Indians inspires and motivates me."

Tharoor also shared a LinkedIn post by UAE-based consultant Anthony J Permal. "Yesterday, multiple nationalities in the UAE received a 'personal' WhatsApp message from Indian PM Modi, in blatant violation of privacy laws and etiquette. It was received by thousands of non-Indians on their private mobile numbers. How did the BJP and the Indian government get a hold of our numbers? And how can it just blatantly spam non-Indians?" he wrote.

Left formula

The CPI has identified one seat each in Manipur, Telangana, Maharashtra, Punjab, Assam and Jharkhand under electoral alliance with the Congress. The party has already announced its candidate for one of the two seats in Manipur. In Telangana, it is seeking Warangal Lok Sabha seat. In Maharashtra, it expects Shirdi constituency, in Punjab Bathinda and in Jharkhand Hazaribagh. As part of the LDF, the CPI got four seats to contest in Kerala — Wayanad, Mavelikkara, Thiruvananthapuram and Thrissur.

CPI zeroes in on 15 seats in 8 states

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE CPI has identified at least 15 constituencies in eight states, including Bihar, Assam, Manipur and Jharkhand, where it wants to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha elections under the pact of Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA).

CPI general secretary D Raja said that the party might soon announce its nomination for the identified seats subject to its negotiation with INDIA bloc allies, mainly the Congress.

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In Telangana, the party is seeking Warangal Lok Sabha seat. In Maharashtra, it is expecting Shirdi constituency, Bathinda in Punjab and Jharkhand's Hazaribagh.

The party's state leadership in Jharkhand last week announced to go alone and contest in eight seats in the state.

In West Bengal, the CPI is staking claim to three seats, including Ghatal and Medinipur. Raja stated that talks are underway for three constituencies in Bihar too. The probable seats are Banka, Begusarai and Madhubani.

Raja said the party's state leaders are holding talks with allies including Congress, and that he is optimistic about a positive outcome. He added that hopefully the Congress would demonstrate maturity like what Tamil Nadu CM and DMK president MK Stalin showed in the state while sparing seats for coalition partners.

"Discussions pertaining to the identified seats are being held at state level. In case, something is to be conveyed to the national leadership or my intervention is required, I will talk. Seat-sharing in Tamil Nadu has already been finalised and the CPI will be contesting on two seats in the state. Stalin's seat-sharing arrangement illustrates maturity and understanding of prevailing political situations. The Congress should also be accommodative to each member of the alliance because the target is to defeat the BJP," said Raja.

As part of the Left Democratic Front, the CPI got four seats to contest in Kerala — Wayanad, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur and Mavelikkara. Congress has announced candidature of Rahul Gandhi from Wayanad constituency.

Special signals unit to boost Army's tech prowess

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Army has raised an elite technology unit, the Signals Technology Evaluation and Adaptation Group (STEAG) which will undertake research and evaluation of futuristic communication technologies such as AI, 5G, 6G, machine learning and quantum technologies for defence applications.

"The groundbreaking technology-oriented STEAG will bolster our capabilities in the digital domain by imbibing such advancements in technology," the Army said.

It will be the first-of-its kind unit that will be equipped with the capability to harness niche technology and foster collaboration with the academia and industry.

The Communications is an important component of military operations. In the fast-evolving technologies for the battlefield, the side with better communication technologies and the ability to connect the various constituents for information-sharing will have an edge. The modern warfare necessitates the induction of new equipment to provide seamless communication support to units and formations during operations. The hi-tech unit will carry out technical scouting, evaluation, development, management of core ICT solutions, and provide user interface support by maintenance and upgrading contemporary technologies, said the Army.

STEAG will be the nursery for developing tailored technologies spanning the complete spectrum of wired and wireless systems that will "include electronic exchanges, mobile communications, software defined radios, electronic warfare systems, 5G and 6G networks, quantum technologies, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and much more."

In line with the ongoing push towards self reliance, "STEAG will help bridge the divide between the armed forces on the one hand and industry and academia on the other."

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Indian Army statement

LANDSLIDE

The National Highway 5 was blocked near Shamlech village in Himachal Pradesh's Solan district following a landslide on Monday morning, officials said. No casualty was reported in the incident.

3 WORKER KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENT IN UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	21	Mumbai	32	24
Bhopal	32	19	Panaji	33	23
Jaipur	31	19	Patna	33	21
Amritsar	31	13	Lucknow	32	15
Chennai	31	27	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	29	24	Imphal	29	15
Srinagar	15	03	Chandigarh	31	15

MAHARASHTRA

Maha dissent as banner of revolt strikes all players

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE ruling MahaYuti and the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi in Maharashtra are struggling to pacify ticket aspirants who have threatened to revolt against the official candidates.

The BJP appears ill-at-ease at the Madha seat as party cadres are unhappy with the re-nominated and sitting Lok Sabha MP Ranjit Naik Nimbalkar. Discordant voices have appeared over the neglect of party veteran Vijay Sinh Mohite Patil.

"In the previous Lok Sabha elections, Mohite Patil was given over one lakh votes from his Akluj constituency alone. If the family refuses to campaign or even remains silent, it will have a huge negative impact on the BJP," said a senior BJP leader. To salvage the situation, BJP minister Girish Mahajan, came as an emissary of Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis to meet Mohite Patil and his supporters in Akluj. "Mohite Patil is a big leader. I will convey this to our top leaders," said Mahajan.

On the other hand, Congress and Shiv Sena (Udhav Thackeray) are facing a tough task to resolve the Sangali Lok Sabha seat dispute. According to Sena leader Sanjay Raut, Kolhapur was the party's seat which it decided to give to Congress. In the bargain, Shiv Sena (UBT) will contest from Sangali. But Congress is adamant, asserting that Sangli has been its traditional seat.

In Baramati, Shiv Sena (Shinde) leader and ex- minister Vijay Shivtare said he would contest as an independent against the Mahayuti's Sunetra Pawar, spouse of deputy CM Ajit Pawar. In Amaravati, the BJP is likely to field sitting LS MP Navneet Rana.

AJIT PAWAR'S BROTHER SPLITS

In a video that has gone viral on social media, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's younger brother Srinivas Pawar can be heard criticising him for leaving the side of NCP founder Sharad Pawar. Asserting that he was not ready to leave the founder just because he was 83, Srinivas said some of his friends advised him to side with Ajit "as the future lies with him". No one should think someone is weak because they have aged," he said.

UTTAR PRADESH

Cracks surface in SP over Cong tieup, ticket to 'outsiders'

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AKHILESH Yadav's decision to give party nominations to three "outsiders" in the fifth and latest list of candidates for the Lok Sabha elections has not gone down well with the party rank and file. Many aspiring Samajwadi Party leaders from western UP's Nagina, Meerut and Bhadohi seats feel disappointed.

The party nominees declared in the third round of candidate selection on Friday, especially in a few western UP seats, have fueled discontent. The party preferred Advocate Bhanu Pratap Singh from the Meerut seat and retired additional district judge (Bijnor) Manoj Kumar from Nagina in Bijnor district while sparing the Bhadohi seat for Trinamool Congress, an INDIA ally.

Party insiders say sitting MLA Atul Pradhan of Sardhana in Meerut district was an aspirant for the ticket from Meerut. He was ready to field his wife if the party did not select him. The BJP has been winning from Meerut since 2014, and Rajendra Agarwal has been the MP twice. The BSP was the runner-up in 2014 and 2019.

After the list, Pradhan wrote on X: "The people of Meerut prayed for me. I apologise to you for not getting a chance."

Even the candidature of Manoj Kumar, the party's choice for Nagina Lok Sabha constituency, has also caused some resentment. Manoj Kumar joined the SP only recently. It was speculated that the SP would leave the Nagina constituency, a reserved seat, for Azad Samaj Party chief Chandra Shekhar Azad 'Ravan.' Current party MLA Manoj Kumar Paras was also seeking a ticket from the seat for his wife Neelam. Girish Chandra was the joint SP-BSP candidate for Nagina in 2019.

BSP MP SANGEETA JOINS BJP

BSP MP Sangeeta Azad, who represents Uttar Pradesh's Lalganj seat in the outgoing Lok Sabha, joined the BJP on Monday in the presence of several senior leaders of the ruling party. The Dalit leader was inducted into the BJP by its national general secretary Vinod Tawde, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak and state BJP president Bhupendra Singh. Tawde assured that the BJP will give Azad full opportunity to make her contribution

WEST BENGAL

Left, Cong talks on to keep BJP, TMC at bay

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A day after Left leaders skipped the Opposition alliance INDIA bloc's rally in Mumbai, leaders of Congress and CPM asserted that the alliance hiccups in Kerala wouldn't cast a shadow on the ongoing seat-sharing talks in West Bengal.

The absence of CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury and CPI leader D Raja sparked buzz about their cooling of relations with the Congress. CPM and CPI were upset that the Congress fielded top guns Rahul Gandhi and KC Venugopal in Wayanad and Alappuzha, respectively, against their candidates. On Sunday, in a massive show of strength, the opposition came together in Mumbai at the concluding rally of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyaya Yatra.

Prominent leaders, including Mallikarjun Kharge, Priyanka Gandhi, NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray, DMK leader MK Stalin, NC chief Farooq Abdullah, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav and PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti and others attended the rally.

However, CPM sources told this newspaper that the differences between the Kerala units of Congress and the CPI will not play a spoilsport in the seat-sharing talks in West Bengal.

Last week, the Left Front announced its list of candidates for 16 out of 42 seats. The leader said the 16 seats were decided strategically, and the talks between leaders of parties are on.

"The CPM is allied with Congress in Tamil Nadu and Bihar. Wherever Congress is in a dominant position, they try to play the big brother," said a CPM leader.

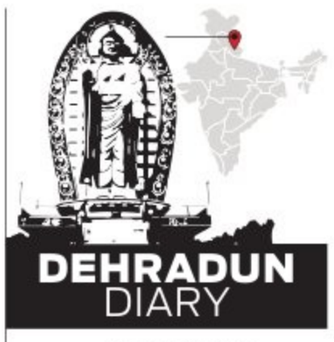
SOUND BYTES

All-women polling booths

Thane: In Maharashtra's Thane district, which has three Lok Sabha seats, 22 booths will be managed exclusively by women personnel on polling day on May 20, said an official on Monday. Thane collector and district election officer Ashok Shingare said the voting percentage of the district was poor at around 50 per cent (in 2019) as against the national average of 67 per cent.

Ex-RJD leader joins JD(U)

Patna: Bihar CM Nitish Kumar's JD(U) claimed to have received a shot in the arm by inducting Lovely Anand, mother of turncoat RJD MLA Chetan Anand who had crossed over to the NDA during the assembly's budget session last month. She joined the party, along with younger son Anshuman amid speculations that a member of the family may be fielded by the JD(U) from the Sheohar Lok Sabha seat.



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Pilgrims on Char Dham Yatra to see snow this yr

Pilgrims visiting Badrinath Dham will have the unique opportunity to witness snow up close on the Aastha Path this year. Along the stretch from Hanuman Chatti to Mana, the country's first village, icebergs have formed in four locations, reaching heights of up to 15 to 20 feet. With the herculean efforts of the Border Roads Organi zation (BRO) using specialized machinery, the Badrinath highway has been cleared all the way to Mana. This marks the first instance in the past three years when such a significant amount of snowfall has been observed. BRO Commander Colonel Ankur Mahajan stated, "Snow has been removed from the Badrinath highway all the way to Mana Village." Such heavy snowfall was seen 2021 last.

Cong exodus continues during poll season

There is an upheaval within the Uttarakhand Congress ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. Numerous leaders have defected to the BJP, while others remain in a state of cautious observation. Amid this political turbulence, the Congress party finds itself grappling with a critical decision — whether they should focus on the election or on their leaders. Adding to the turmoil is a provocative statement made by BJP state president Mahendra Bhatt, who boldly asserts, "In the near future, several prominent Congress leaders are poised to join the BJP." The Garhwal Lok Sabha constituency comprises 14 assembly seats. Historically, the BJP has held all but these seats.

Dancer Raghav Juyal's journey to stardom

Once an individual is resolute in their pursuit, they persist in their efforts. Raghav Juyal is a name that needs no introduction today, having established himself as a prominent Bollywood dancer, choreographer, and now, an actor. Hailing from a middle-class family in Dehradun, Raghav was born into a household where his father Rajeev Juyal practised law and other family members were predominantly associated with the military and government roles. While Raghav was initially groomed to follow a similar path, his aspirations diverged significantly. Raghav recalls, "From a young age, my passion for acting and dancing was undeniable, leading me to actively participate in numerous competitions."

UTTARAKHAND

Drones to keep hawk eye on high-altitude terrain

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

DURING the Lok Sabha elections, remote and inaccessible areas of Uttarakhand will be monitored with drone cameras.

Efforts will be made to enhance the communication infrastructure by closely monitoring all activities through drone technology in these shady areas.

State Chief Electoral Officer Dr **BVRC Purushottam** directed all District Magistrates and SPs during the election-related meeting on Sunday, stating, "Monitoring of check posts in districts adjacent to interstate and international borders should be increased in a more effective manner."

Earlier, during a press briefing, Chief Electoral Officer BVRC Purushottam revealed that Uttarakhand currently has a total of 83.21 million registered voters, marking an increase of 5.56 million voters compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections when the state had 77.65 million registered voters. This figure comprises 43.08 million male voters, 40.12 million female voters, and 1.45 million young voters, along with over 79,900 voters with physical disabilities, more than 6,500 voters aged over 85, and 297 voters identifying as transgender. The state currently houses 11,729 polling stations to facilitate the voting process.

MANIPUR

EC: Displaced people can vote if they return to state

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

UNLIKE in the past, people, displaced by the ethnic violence in Manipur and taking shelter in other states, will not be able to vote in the Lok Sabha elections unless they return to their state. Manipur's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pradeep Kumar Jha said there is no voting arrangement for people, who left the state.

On March 16, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar had said the displaced people in Manipur would vote from relief camps.

"We have drawn a scheme which we have notified. The scheme allows voters in the camps to vote from their respective camps," Kumar had stated. The Manipur CEO told this newspaper the scheme is limited to Manipur's territorial jurisdiction. "The scheme is for the internally-displaced persons. We know that about 60,000 people from across communities are staying in the relief camps in 10 districts. Regarding people in Mizoram, nobody has approached us," Jha said. "We are setting up special polling stations (in relief camps). But they will have to apply," the CEO said. As per the scheme, the internally displaced persons will be considered as ordinary residents of the place where they have been displaced from and treated as electors of the original place.

MADHYA PRADESH

11-yr-old's piggy bank & pool money from women

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

FORMER Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and BJP candidate for the Vidisha Lok Sabha seat, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, received memorable financial support from a little girl in Bhopal and women in his home district Sehore to contest the upcoming general elections as the ruling BJP candidate.

In the state capital Bhopal, an 11-year-old girl named Ashi Agrawal met the former CM on Monday morning and presented her piggy bank as a token of financial support for his candidacy in Vidisha. An elderly woman also approached Chouhan with an envelope containing money as a gesture of public support for his election campaign.

The outpouring of support from women wasn't limited to Bhopal; it grew larger in his home district Sehore as he hit the campaign trail later on Monday. Upon reaching the Ichhawar assembly segment of his home district Sehore, the ex-CM, popularly known among girls and women as Mama (maternal uncle) and Bhaiya (brother), received gifts of savings totalling around ₹50,000 from local women as a sign of popular support for his electoral campaign. "My sisters handed me money, stating it was their support for their brother to fight polls. I am overwhelmed by their love," he said.

Court summons Rahul in '18 Shah defamation case

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

DAYS after the Jharkhand High Court dismissed the petition filed by former Congress President Rahul Gandhi for quashing the proceedings in the trial court in connection with a criminal defamation suit filed against him for calling the then BJP President Amit Shah a "murder accused," the MP-MLA Court in Chaibasa has ordered him to appear before it physically on March 27.

Earlier, Gandhi had filed a petition seeking exemption from physical appearance against the February 27 order passed by the MP-MLA Court in Chaibasa which was turned down by the court on March 14. The court upholding its earlier order, asked him to appear physically on March 27.

Rahul Gandhi had made a statement on March 18, 2018 in the AICC Plenary Sessions in New Delhi stating that, "The people will accept a lying BJP leadership drunk with power because they know that, what the Bhartiya Janata Party is designed for".

Further, he went on saying that, "They will accept a man accused of murder as the President of BJP, but the people will never accept the same in the Congress Party."

Under-construction 'illegal' building collapses in Kolkata, 9 killed & 15 hurt

PRANAB MONDAL & SULANGA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

A five-storey under-construction building, said to be an illegal structure, collapsed in the wee hours of Monday in the adjoining tiled-roof shanties in Garden Reach area, leaving nine persons, including two women, dead and at least 15 seriously injured.

CM Mamata Banerjee visited the spot with bandage on her head as she was treated after a fall at her house on March 14.

"Sad to learn about the house collapse disaster of an under-construction building in the Garden Reach area of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. Our Mayor, Fire Minister, Secretaries and Commissioner of Police, civic, police, fire and disaster management officers and teams have been on site throughout the night to mitigate the disaster. We shall provide compensation for the next of kin of the deceased and for the injured," Mamata said on her X handle.

The promoter, Mohammad Waser, of the under-construction building has been arrested on charges of murder and attempt to murder. The BJP, however, demanded arrest of local TMC councillor Shams Iqbal for his role in the alleged illegal construction housing 16 flats.

Racket in relief for 'dead' workers unearthed in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

COPS in Jabalpur of Madhya Pradesh have busted an alleged inter-state racket which showed living labourers as dead through fake death certificates to siphon monetary benefits under the government's social security scheme for labourers.

Three men identified as Sheikh Shahzad (34), Aqib Rafiq (26) and Salman alias Mohd Saddam Sheikh (27) — all residents of Jabalpur — have been arrested so far. Probe has revealed the possibility of over ₹1 crore having been siphoned by the alleged fraudsters through at least 40 fake death certificates.

According to the Jabalpur district Police Superintendent Aditya Pratap Singh, recently a middle-aged woman labourer Syeda Rizwana who resides in Jabalpur, complained to the police that the owner of a kiosk who made her worker/job card for being registered with local municipal body, had later showed her as dead in records and siphoned money worth over ₹2 crore.

The Madhya Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board gives ₹6,000 for funeral arrangements and ₹2 lakh as aid to the family in natural death and ₹4 lakh work related accidental death.

Putin extends rule in preordained Russian election

Nearly 76 million cast their ballots for Putin, his highest vote tally ever; friends and allies quick to congratulate him but Western leaders dismiss his victory

China and Russia are each other's largest neighbours and comprehensive strategic cooperative partners in the new era. The result fully reflects the support of the Russian people

Xi Jinping, China president

Our older brother Vladimir Putin has triumphed, which bodes well for the world

Nicolas Maduro, Venezuela president

The official result is a credible indication that the Russian population supports (Putin's) management of the country

Miguel Diaz-Canel, Cuba president

MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin sealed his control over Russia for six more years on Monday with a highly orchestrated landslide in an election that followed the harshest crackdown on the opposition and free speech since Soviet times.

While the result was never in doubt, Russians attempted to defy the inevitable outcome, heeding a call to protest Putin's repression at home and his war in Ukraine by showing up at polling stations at noon on Sunday. But, it was clear Putin would extend his nearly quarter-century rule with a fifth term.

With nearly all the precincts counted on Monday, election officials said Putin had secured a record number of votes 'an unsurprising development underlining the Russian leader's total control of the country's political system.

Putin has led Russia as president or prime minister since December 1999, a tenure marked by international military aggression and an increasing intolerance for dissent. At the end of his fifth term, Putin would be the longest-serving Russian leader since Catherine the Great, who ruled during the 18th century.

As early results came in, Putin hailed them as an indication of 'trust' and 'hope' in him ' while critics saw them as another reflection of the preordained nature of the election. "Of course, we have lots of tasks ahead. But I want to make it clear for everyone: When we were consolidated, no one has ever managed to frighten us, to suppress our will and our self-conscience. They failed in the past and they will fail in the future," he said at a meeting with his campaign staff after polls closed.

Any public criticism of Putin or his war in Ukraine has been stifled. Independent media have been crippled. His fiercest political foe, Alexei Navalny, died in an Arctic prison last month, and other critics are either in jail or in exile. Russia's Central Election Commission said Monday that with nearly 100% of precincts counted, Putin got 87% of the vote. Central Election Commission chief Ella Pamfilova said that nearly 76 million voters cast their ballots for Putin, his highest vote tally ever.

Western leaders denounced the election as a sham, while President Volodymyr Zelenskyy particularly criticised voting in Ukrainian areas that Russia has illegally annexed, saying "everything Russia does on the occupied territory of Ukraine is a crime'. Meanwhile, Chinese President Xi Jinping and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un quickly congratulated Putin, along with some Central and South American leaders and presidents of nations that have historic and close current ties to Russia, such as Azerbaijan, Belarus, and Kazakhstan. *AP*

SHELLING KILLS TWO IN RUSSIAN BORDER REGION

MOSCOW: Ukrainian shelling killed two people near Russia's border city of Belgorod on Monday, bringing the total number of dead in the region since last week to 13, authorities said. Attacks on Russian territory intensified in the run up to weekend elections that extended President Vladimir Putin's rule into the 2030s. "After air defences repelled an air attack by the Ukrainian army, two people were killed and four injured in the village of Nikolskoye," Belgorod governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said. "A 17-year-old and a man died of their wounds on the spot before the ambulance arrived. Our rescuers pulled a little girl from under the rubble of the same house," he said. AFP

Everyone in the world understands that this person, like many others throughout history, has become sick with power and will stop at nothing to rule forever.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Ukraine prez

Russians have been denied a real choice after all candidates opposed to the war in Ukraine were excluded. The vote was based on repression and intimidation

European Union

Putin removes his political opponents, controls the media and then crowns himself the winner. This is not democracy

David Cameron, UK foreign minister

Famine imminent in north Gaza, says UN report

ROME

HALF of Gazans are experiencing "catastrophic" hunger, with famine projected to hit the territory's north by May without urgent intervention, a UN-backed food security assessment said Monday.

"To have 50% of an entire population in catastrophic, near famine levels, is unprecedented," Beth Bechdol, said the deputy director-general of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). It amounts to around 1.1 million people experiencing "catastrophic food insecurity" due to the Israel-Hamas war, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) partnership said in its report.

The IPC hunger monitoring system, carried out by the United Nations and aid agencies, rates hunger levels from one to five and is used by the UN or governments in deciding whether or not to declare a famine. The situation in the north of Gaza is particularly dire, and aid agencies have reported difficulty accessing the area to distribute food and other aid.

"Famine is imminent in the northern governorates and projected to occur anytime between mid-March and May 2024," the IPC report said. "All evidence points towards a major acceleration of deaths and malnutrition. Waiting for a retrospective famine classification before acting is indefensible," it said.

Gazans were "turning to alternative sources" for food, including animal feed and "inedible items, purely out of desperation", she said. Donors have turned to deliveries by air or sea, but air and sea missions are no alternative to land deliveries, UN agencies say.

The World Food Programme (WFP) said meeting basic food needs would require at least 300 trucks to enter Gaza every day and distribute food, especially in the north. The agency has only managed to get nine convoys into the north since the start of the year, it said.

The latest of these, on Sunday night, involved 18 truckloads of food supplies delivered to Gaza City.

The Rome-based agency said it needed Israel to "provide more entry points into Gaza" and allow use of the Ashdod port to bring in food aid. Arif Husain, WFP's chief economist, said, "Our hope is we can still avert a full-fledged famine." "But the window is shutting and it is shutting very, very fast". *AFP*

Boys sit with empty pots as displaced Palestinians queue for meals provided by a charity organisation ahead of the fast-breaking 'iftar' meal during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan in Rafah, Gaza Strip | AFP

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 162

GAZA TOLL SO FAR
31,726

The number of Israeli soldiers killed in Gaza has reached 250 since ground operations in the Hamas-ruled territory began in late October, according to the latest toll on the army's website on Monday

Israel is committed to all war objectives, Netanyahu tells Biden

JERUSALEM: Israel is committed to achieving all its war aims against Hamas, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told US President Joe Biden in a Monday call as Israel faces international pressure to ease its operations in Gaza. In their first call in more than a month, Netanyahu cited the objectives as eliminating Hamas, release of all the hostages and "ensuring that Gaza will never present a threat to Israel."

'Gaza world's biggest open-air graveyard'

BRUSSELS: EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said on Monday that Israel's military campaign in Gaza had turned the territory into the world's biggest "open-air graveyard". "Gaza was before the war the greatest open-air prison. Today it's the greatest open-air graveyard," Borrell said at a meeting of EU ministers in Brussels.

Israel launches another raid on Gaza hosp

RAFAH

ISRAELI forces launched another raid on the Gaza Strip's largest hospital on Monday, saying Hamas militants had regrouped there and fired on them from inside the compound, where Palestinian officials say tens of thousands of people have been sheltering.

The army last raided Shifa Hospital in November after claiming that Hamas maintained an elaborate command centre within and beneath the facility. The military revealed a tunnel leading to some underground rooms, as well as weapons it said were found inside the hospital. But the evidence fell short of the earlier claims, and critics accused the army of recklessly endangering the lives of civilians.

People sheltering in the hospital said Israeli forces backed by tanks and artillery had surrounded the medical complex and that snipers were shooting at people inside. They said the army raided a number of buildings and detained dozens of people.

"We're trapped inside," said Abdel-Hady Sayed, who has been sheltering in the medical facility for over three months. "They fire at anything moving.

Doctors and ambulances can't move." Gaza's Health Ministry said the Israeli army was directing gun and missile fire at a building used for specialised surgeries. It said a fire broke out at the hospital's gate.

The ministry said around 30,000 people were sheltering at the hospital, including patients, medical staff and people who have fled their homes seeking safety. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Scale of Iran rights abuses slammed at UN

GENEVA: Several countries on Monday condemned the extent of human rights violations in Iran during a UN meeting, denouncing the sharp increase in death sentences and executions. Javaid Rehman, the council's special rapporteur on the rights situation in Iran, said, "At least 834 people were executed in 2023 – a 43% increase compared to 2022," as he presented his latest report to the council. AFP

8, including 3 children, killed as Pak conducts airstrikes in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD/KABUL

PAKISTAN on Monday said it carried out airstrikes on the banned Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) affiliated militants in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan, amidst a war of words between the two neighbours for a spate of recent terror attacks in restive Pakistani cities.

At least eight civilians, including three children, were killed in the airstrikes carried out by Pakistan, the Afghan Taliban said.

In a press release, Pakistan's Foreign Office (FO) said that rebels belonging to TTP's Hafiz Gul Bahadur Group were hit after the outfit claimed responsibility for the attack on Saturday at an army outpost that resulted in the killing of seven soldiers, including two officers. "The prime target of today's operation was the terrorists belonging to Hafiz Gul Bahadur Group, which along with Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), is responsible for multiple terrorist attacks inside Pakistan, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of civilians and law enforcement officials," it stated.

There were also reports of the exchange of fire on the border between the troops of the two sides after the Afghan side fired mortars following the airstrikes, injuring four civilians. In response to the Pakistani air strikes, the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned the charge d'affaires of Pakistan's embassy, Obaid Rahman Nizamani and submitted a protest letter to him.

Earlier, Zabihullah Mujahid, the spokesperson of the Afghan rulers, said in a statement that all eight people killed in the Pakistani airstrikes were women and children. The spokesperson asked Pakistan to stop blaming Afghanistan for its problems and failure to control violent incidents. "Such acts can lead to dire consequences which will not be in control of Pakistan," he warned.

The strikes come a day after President Asif Ali Zardari vowed retaliation following the killing of seven soldiers, including two officers, in a terrorist attack on a security forces' post in North Waziristan. *PTI*

ASIA MATTERS

Two NZ tourists assault police, visas revoked

Thailand's immigration authorities have revoked the visas of two New Zealand tourists accused of assaulting a traffic police officer on a popular resort island in an incident widely shared online, police said on Monday. Brothers Hamish Day and Oscar Mattson Day were charged with offences including robbery, causing physical harm to an on-duty officer, attempted bribery and driving a motorcycle without a licence, Phuket provincial police chief Sinlert Sukhum told a news conference. The chief said the brothers denied all charges and declined to give any statement. *AP.*

Man sneaks 20-yr-old in taylor swift show, held

A man who helped another man illegally enter Taylor Swift's concert in Singapore was jailed for two weeks on Monday. Wu Zhihong, 54, tried to cheat security officers into believing that 20-year-old Yan Shuqing had a valid Singapore Eras Tour concert ticket.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20

E-Tender Notice No.Y/E.29/2023-24/78
Dated: 12-03-2024.

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Description of work	Approx. Value
Provision of Passenger amenities and renovation of existing station building at Mosalehosahalli (MHL) Halt station.	Rs. 8,44,575/-

Last date for submission of bids : **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 03-04-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer Mysuru

PUB/755/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20

E-TENDER NOTICE No. 07/MYS/2024 of 14-03-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Item of work	Approx. Value
1	**Amaravathi Colony-Kotturu Section:** Protection works for vulnerable cutting between Km.99/650-100/200 for both sides with Boulder netting and Drain between Harpanhalli-Teligi Stations.	Rs. 2,39,81,641/-
2	**Sub Work-1:** Improvements to drainage arrangements and approach road in RUB No.35A, 123A between Chikjajur-Rayadurg Section in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Chitradurga Sub-Division. **Sub Work-2:** Improvements to drainage arrangements and approach road in RUB No.74A in Birur-Chikjajur Section and RUB No.79A in Chikjajur-Rayadurg Section in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Chitradurga Sub-Division. **Sub Work-3:** Improvements to Retaining wall and approach road in RUB No.12A between Chikjajur-Rayadurg Section in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Chitradurga Sub-Division. **Sub Work-4:** Improvements to drainage arrangements and approach road in RUB No.30A between Chikjajur-Rayadurg Section in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Chitradurga Sub-Division.	Rs. 3,27,48,592/-
3	Rebuilding of stone arch bridges and Strengthening of bridges by jacketting between Chikjajur-Rayadurg and Chikjajur-Sasalu Sections. **Sub Work -1:** Assistant Divisional Engineer/Chitradurga Sub-Division.: Rebuilding of stone arch Bridge Nos.7, 9, 10, 12 between Chikjajur-Rayadurg Sections	Rs. 3,30,98,670/-
3	**Mysuru :-** Improvements to various staff amenities old Officers bungalows 9 Nos (10/A, 10/B,17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25) in VRC Colony Mysuru (Balance work).	Rs. 1,12,36,220/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 05-04-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-Ordination Mysuru

PUB/759/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24

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PUBLIC NOTICE

As per the Schedule hereunder from Smt. Nandini H.N., aged about 43 years, W/o. Sri. Gopinath Anandan and Sri. Gopinath Anandan. Aged about 53 years, S/o. Sri. E. Anandan, both are Residing at: No. 46, 5th Main, 16th Cross, AECS Layout, Sanjaynagar, RMV II Stage, Bangalore - 560 094. The said Smt. Nandini H.N. and Sri. Gopinath Anandan have represented to the previous owner by name Smt. Padma Srivastan, that she was lost in transit the original sale deed dated: 24.07.1972, Doc. No. 1781 (Rectified Now) and Original Possession Certificate dated: 20.05.1979, in respect of the Schedule Property and a Complaint to this effect has been lodged by them to Sanjay Nagara Police Station, Bangalore on 18.06.2006. Hence, this Public Notice. Any person or body corporate whosoever having any claim, interest, or charge, etc., in whatsoever manner over the change of name herein are hereby called upon to lodge their claim or objections, if any, with supporting documents thereon with the undersigned in person within seven days from the date of publication of this general public notice, failing which my clients will presume that the Schedule Property is free from all sorts of encumbrance of whatsoever nature and proceed to complete the sale transactions per the sale agreement.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Residential Site No. 70, P & T Colony, 2nd Stage, earlier Bangalore Postal Employees Co-operative Housing Society, Colony Layout, Geddalahalli, Sanjaynagar, Ward No. 100, PID No. 100-732-70, measuring East to West: 45.0 Feet and North to South: 43.0 Feet, totally measuring 1935 Sq.Ft., along with Constructed RCC Roofed building having Basement 425 Sq.Ft., Ground Floor 1095 Sq.Ft., and First Floor 340 Sq.Ft., with all civic amenities together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above surface and bounded on the: East by: Public Road, West by: Site No. 69, North by: Public Road and South by: Daffodils English School.

Sd/-KANCHANA U Advocate & Legal Consultant No. 19, 1 Floor, 9th Cross, Cubbonpet Road, BANGALORE 560 002. March 19th, 2024.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal- || karnataka (Bangalore) 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

DEMAND NOTICE

FORM NO.14
[See Regulation 33(2)]

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/316/2023IN OA No. 358/2019

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
RITESH NIRANJAN AND OTHER

To

(CH) Union bank of India, Having a branch office at Jalabhavan, No.6 Ground Floor, Jalbhavan right wing 1st stage, 1st Phase, BTM layout, bannerghatta road, Bangalore, Karnataka -560029.

VS

(CD 1) Mr. Ritesh Niranjan, S/o Sri Umesh Niranjan, R/at 60 Ground Floor, 1st main, 16th 1 cross, Pai layout, Bangalore-560076. Also at: Mr. Ritesh Niranjan S/o Sri Umesh Niranjan, R/at 121, shiv durga vihar, lakkerpur, near Dayalbagh , Faridabad 121009

(Cd2) Mrs. Urvi Sharma, W/o Ritesh Niranjan, R/at 60, Ground Floor, 1st main, 16th 1Cross, pai layout, Bangalore-560076

(CD 3) Ms Dreamz Infra India Ltd. Rep by Its Managing director Ms Disha Choudary , No.577 B 2nd Floor, outer ring Road, Teachers colony, Near silk Board, kormangala, Bangalore Karnataka 560034

....Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT 2) in OA/358/2019** an amount of **Rs. 14,65,598/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs sixty Five Thousands Five Hundred Ninety Eight Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest **@ 10.75%** Compound Interest Yearly w.e.f. **27.02.2019** till realization and cost of **Rs.17,010** (Rupees Seventeen Thousands Ten Only) has become due against you jointly and severally, Further, a penal interest @ 2% p.a. is also applicable/ payable.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. Your are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on within 30 days from the publication for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay: (a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **date: 26.10.2023**

Recovery Officer-1
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT 2)

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd

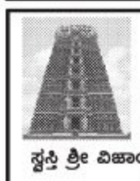
SRM E-Tender Notice

Digitally signed online bids are invited through SRM E-tender process of MSETCL in two bid system from bidders who are registered Electrical Vendors/Contractors of MSETCL for following SRM E-tender;

RFx No.	E-Tender No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost	EMD	Tender Fees
7000030993	T- 51/ 2023-24	Work of replacement of existing 0.2 ACSR & 0.4 ACSR conductor along with hardwares by High Performance Conductor (HPC) of 132kV Akole-Kombhalne line for RE power evacuation under Green Energy Corridor (GEC) under Nashik Zone.	1562.74 Lakhs	Rs. 15,62,742.56/-	Rs. 25,000/- + GST

Sale period: 16.03.2024 to 30.03.2024, **Last Date of Submission:** 30.03.2024 up to 13:00 Hrs, **Date of opening (Tech. bid):** 01.04.2024 at 12:00 Hrs (if possible). **Contact person:** Executive Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone, Nashik. Phone No. 0253-2403010/02/07 Fax No. 0253-2403000, For further details please visit to **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

Chief Engineer, EHV PC (O&M), Zone, MSETCL, Nashik



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ದೊಡ್ಡಜಾತ್ರಾ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ – 2024

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Market Watch
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Tata Sons to sell ₹9K cr TCS shares

2.34 crore shares of the IT company to be put on sale at ₹4,001/share through block deal

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TATA SONS is planning to sell 2.34 crore shares through block deals in its most valuable listed company -- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).

The number of shares put on sale translates to 0.64% of the IT behemoth's total outstanding equity and this exercise is expected to raise funds worth more than ₹9,000 crore for the promoter company Tata Sons.

The offer price for the block deal is kept at ₹4,001 per share, a 3.45% discount compared to Monday's closing price for TCS. Shares of TCS ended 1.78% lower to close at ₹4,144 on the NSE and the second most valuable listed company in India had a market capitalisation of ₹15 lakh crore.

According to the shareholding pattern at the end of the December quarter, promoter entities held a 72.41% stake in TCS in which Tata Sons held a 72.38% stake while the rest was held by Tata Investment Corporation. The stake sale by the promoter of India's largest conglomerate is seen as part of an exercise by them to avoid launching an IPO. Tata Sons is registered as a Core Investment Company (CIC) and is categorised as a non-banking finance company upper layer (NBFC-UL) by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). According to current norms, all such firms have to become publicly traded company on stock exchanges by September 2025. The existing RBI rule notes if a CIC has assets worth less than ₹100 crore and does not raise public funds, it can avoid being classified as a CIC or an 'upper layer' NBFC. In this case, they aren't required to go for a public listing. According to reports, Tata Sons may bring down its debt or transfer it to Tata Capital (another NBCF-UL) to delay its listing.

At the end of FY23, Tata Sons had a borrowing of about Rs 20,000 crore while its assets were more than ₹100 crore. Its holding in listed Tata companies is pegged at ₹16 lakh crore. Equity Research firm Spark Capital recently pegged ₹7.8 lakh crore valuation for Tata Sons. Tata Trusts holds a 66% stake in Tata Sons, while Pallonji Mistry group has about an 18.4% stake.

Shares of the company have gained about 32% in the last one year and most analysts are bullish on the stock. The country's largest software service provider reported a 2% year-on-year (YoY) growth in consolidated net profit for the quarter to ₹11,058 crore, and revenue increased by 4% to ₹60,583 crore.

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'Fashion, grocery, general merch to capture 2/3rd of ecomm by 2027'

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

BEAUTY and lifestyle ecommerce platform Nykaa Founder and CEO Falguni Nayar on Monday said fashion, general merchandise, and groceries will account for two-thirds of the Indian ecommerce scenario by 2027.

Fashion is the second-largest category online after electronics at present, Nayar said.

"By 2027, it is expected that fashion, grocery, and general merchandise will capture two-thirds of the ecommerce market, showing large potential and room to grow," Nayar said, adding that in today's phygital world, understanding consumer patterns, behaviours and preferences is paramount to solve consumer concerns.

"When you peel back the onion on why consumers shop across ecommerce marketplaces & quick commerce vs offline stores, their motivations become clear," she said at Startup Mahakumbh 2024. D2C brands have the advantage of being quick-to-market and agile to adapt to changing trends, all while solving real consumer problems, she added.

"Of the new D2C brands over the last few years, 44% have emerged in fashion and beauty," Nayar said.

As the world's fifth largest economy, set to become the third largest by 2030, she said the Indian economy is a canvas of boundless opportunities, and "the startup world is its vibrant palette, painting the landscape with bold strokes of creativity and ingenuity".

The seasoned entrepreneur said that the country is witnessing an unprecedented surge in entrepreneurial activity, fueled by a generation of dreamers and doers who dare to challenge the status quo.

Nayar said, "We stand at the precipice of a new era in the Indian economy, one driven by innovation, resilience, and the indomitable spirit of entrepreneurship'.

"When you compare India to our counterparts, our country is where China was 15 years ago. It is at this critical juncture where we notice a shift in consumption behaviour. Given the S-curve of the expected increase in per capita income, from $2,500 today to $5,500 by 2030, similar to China's trends, we anticipate the BPC (beauty and personal care) per capita spend to go from $15 today, to $50 by 2030. As a reference, Nykaa's BPC spend is currently $80 vs the country's average BPC spend of $15," she said.

Advising young startups and aspiring entrepreneurs, Nayar said one should remember that success is not measured solely by profit margins or market share. "It is measured by the lives you touch, the communities you uplift, and the legacy you leave behind. Let us embrace the spirit of innovation, collaboration, and inclusivity that defines our nation's entrepreneurial landscape," she concluded.

'eRupee to take 4-5 years to gain popularity among common people'

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

IT will take nearly four to five years to make central bank digital currency or eRupee popular among common people, according to banking sources.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had initiated a pilot of the retail CBDC in December 2022, reaching the goal of 10 lakh transactions daily by December 2023. Recently, the RBI announced that Digital rupee users will soon be able to conduct transactions in regions with restricted internet access. "RBI is going slow for the full scale implementation of CBDC as it entails a lot of safety, integrity and efficiency," a top banking official said. He also added that there is no urgency for CBDC as payments are happening smoothly via UPI, net banking and other mode of payments.

Meanwhile, as per sources, banking officials are divided over relevance of CBDC, as in the current scenario most payments are taking place via UPI and net banking.

"The main purpose behind introducing eRupee was to curtail cryptocurrency. The government has succeeded in achieving that target. Online transactions are already happening via net banking, UPI and other online modes, so there is no relevance of CBDC," a top official further.

Recently, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman underscored the perils linked to unregulated cryptocurrencies. She said the threats of illicit activities like terror funding and drug financing arising from lack of consistent regulations globally.

Another banking official, however, said CBDCs can be used in capital account and large scale commercial transactions as there are limitations in net banking and UPI while executing them. "Net banking and UPI have their own limitations. In addition, severel other issues like financing of terror actitivities and counterfeiting of currencies can be sorted with the launch of CBDCs," said another official.

SC rejects industry bodies' plea against electoral bond verdict

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has refused to admit a plea by three industry bodies against the disclosure of unique alphanumeric code assigned to electoral bonds. Declining to admit the plea, the court said the industry bodies approached it after the judgement was delivered.

The disclosure of unique alphanumeric code would help determine which company donated how much to which political party via electoral bonds. The industry bodies – Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), FICCI and Assocham – had moved SC against its judgement, where it had asked the State Bank of India (SBI) to disclose the unique codes assigned to the bonds. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi appeared for all three business chambers.

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The industry bodies had made the submission that the SC judgement declaring electoral bonds unconstitutional, and details of the electoral bonds be made public should have been done prospectively and not retrospectively.

'Retro actions lead to reduction of biz confidence'

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The details of the bonds made public by the SBI – the bank which sold the electoral bonds – show that BJP received about ₹6,000 crore out of nearly ₹12,000 crore donations made through purchase of electoral bonds. The top three donors include TN-based Future Gaming and Hotel Services Private Ltd, followed by Hyderabad-based Megha Industries and Qwik Supply Chain Pvt Ltd. However, in absence of the disclosure of unique codes, it is difficult to ascertain which company made the donation to which political party. Meanwhile, some experts have backed SC diktat ordering complete transparency in electoral bonds. Without transparency, the electoral bonds are as good as cash payments, says a former ICAI president, who has headed many government panels on corporate governance.

"The disclosures have unveiled cases of quid pro quo, and this is a serious matter of extortion. There have been cases where government incentives have been released only after donations have been made to the ruling parties," said the person mentioned earlier.

Bought bonds in personal capacity: Biocon chairperson

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

BIOCON executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar Shaw on Monday clarified Biocon didn't make any political donation to any party for elections and that at a personal level she purchased electoral bonds that she donated to Janata Dal (Secular) and several parties.

In 2018, the JD(S) secured ₹50 lakh from Biocon. On Sunday, the Election Commission of India in its new documents disclosed that the Biocon group donated ₹1 crore again in 2019.

Soon Biocon executive chairperson posted on X, "At a personal level I purchased electoral bonds which I donated to JDS & several parties. My donations were nominal on the principle of funding election campaigns with white money."

"I want to make it clear what I do personally has no connection with my company," she said, adding, "It was my personal money in my account." Recently, when a user on X alleged the head of the Bengaluru-based biopharmaceutical company had donated ₹5 crore every month before the Karnataka assembly election, she replied saying, "That's incorrect. Pl do the math." When a user asked, "What was asked in return for it?" She replied saying, "Nothing-I did it of my own free will."

She also replied saying, "Have you followed BPAC? (Bangalore Political Action Committee) Don't make such allegations. I have never ever made any contributions for favours. It's very sad to see such comments." The party had also secured ₹1 crore from Infosys Technologies in 2018.

At a personal level I purchased electoral bonds which I donated to JDS & several parties

Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, executive chairperson, Biocon

To other parties

Party (JDS) had also secured ₹1 crore from Infosys Tech in 2018, ₹22 crore from the Embassy Group and ₹25 lakh from Health Care

RESHUFFLE

Rane Group chairman to step down

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

CHENNAI-BASED auto component manufacturing Rane Group has a change of leadership with its long-time Chairman L Ganesh retiring from March 31.

He will step down from the operating entities of Rane Group, but will serve as a non-executive director on these entities and continue as Chairman and MD of Rane Holdings Limited. Ganesh has served as the Chairman of the group since November 2006. He saw the group's rise from Rs 1,050 crores to about Rs 7,200 crores and export sales share jumping to 24% from 12%.

Harish Lakshman will take over as Chairman of Rane Group from April 1st. He holds bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from BITS, Pilani, and Management degree from Purdue University. He joined ZF Rane Automotive India, earlier Rane TRW Steering Systems in 1998.

He held positions of increasing responsibilities in the areas of Marketing and Operations and became Managing Director in 2008. Harish was involved in the corporate management of Rane Group from 2012 and became its Vice Chairman in 2017. Lakshman said Ganesh's leadership drove the group to scale new heights and become a trusted supplier of safety critical components globally.

Coal stocks at comfortable level to meet peak summer demand, says official

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE country's coal stocks are at comfortable levels to meet the demand during the peak summer season, said a senior official from the coal ministry. The official highlighted that the current stock at 143.59 MT (million tonne) as of March 16, 2024, is significantly higher than the 109.24 MT recorded last year for the same period.

Stock at pitheads managed by Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is 82.56 MT. Additionally, the National Power Portal reports that coal stocks at power plants with capacities exceeding 189 GW stood at 45.48 MT as of March 16. Stocks at captive and commercial mines are 10.26 MT, with an additional 5.29 MT stored at PW/GSS/Ports. "We are in a very comfortable position in terms of coal stock in the country," the official affirmed. "Even though power demand is likely to increase, our production and coal stock are sufficient to meet the demand," said the official.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted a hot summer, with above-normal temperatures and an above-normal number of heatwave days from March to May due to El Nino conditions. This is expected to significantly increase power demand this summer, requiring more coal as 70% of India's power still comes from coal-fired plants.

This year power demand is expected to grow at 6-7% year-over-year due to rising consumption from industries and households. The peak power demand in this financial year was 241 GW in September 2023, and the ministry expects it to grow at 7% annually to 260 GW in FY25. To address this anticipated rise, power ministry on March 4 advised thermal power plants (TPPs) to continue importing coal for blending at 6% till June 2024 to maintain ample stocks at plant end.

Airlines on expansion spree to cater to summer demand

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PREPARING for the upcoming summer season when demand for air travel remains elevated level, Indian carriers are adding new flights, connecting new sectors and aggressively expanding their fleet size.

Air India Express, the low-cost carrier (LCC) arm of Air India Group, is ramping up its operations to offer more than 360 daily departures, connecting to new business and leisure destinations.

Compared to last year's summer schedule, Air India Express is growing its network by more than 25% in the domestic market and over 20% in international flights. This translates to an additional 55 domestic flights and 19 international flights, bringing the total to 259 domestic and 109 international departures. In 2024, the summer schedule will start from March 31 and end on October 26. Air India Express will increase its frequencies to international destinations such as Abu Dhabi, Dammam, Jeddah, and Sharjah.

Last week, SpiceJet said that it has finalised lease agreements for 10 aircraft to enhance capacity and connectivity for passengers during peak travel seasons.

IndiGo, India's largest airline, is on an expansion spree. IndiGo will commence direct flights between Mumbai and Colombo three times a week, starting from April 12, 2024. IndiGo has also announced a direct flight between Bengaluru and Agatti starting from March 31, improving air connectivity to Lakshadweep.

Star Health plans insurance offerings targeting NRIs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

STAR Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited plans to offer international insurance products in the upcoming 2024-25 financial year (FY25). It has been granted registration by IFSCA to establish an IFSC International Office (IIO) at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).

The company, in a statement, said it plans to commence its operations with a branch in GIFT City by the end of March 2024. This move will help Star Health Insurance to tap into the international market by providing health insurance solutions in US dollars for the non-resident Indians.

The company will offer non-resident Indian (NRI) focused insurance, it said. Star Health Insurance will also be able to attract foreign inward business as a reinsurer. It also plans to provide insurance for Indians going abroad and India's international student community. It plans to launch its international insurance product suite in a phased manner in 2025 financial year (FY25).

Anand Roy, MD and CEO of Star Health Insurance, said, "This is a pivotal step in our expansion strategy, extending our reach beyond Indian borders and providing seamless access to health insurance offerings for non-resident Indians (NRIs) and the global Indian diaspora."

'IT hiring to remain muted in near term, to see gradual pick-up'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

HIRING activity in the IT industry has been muted over the past five quarters due to subdued demand prospects and ICRA expects it to remain muted in the near term with gradual pick-up until the growth momentum improves.

Deepak Jotwani, assistant vice-President & sector head, ICRA, said, "Attrition levels are expected to stabilise over the near term, inching closer to the long-term average of 12-13%, as overall slowdown in growth momentum and strong hiring in the previous fiscal has corrected the demand-supply mismatch witnessed earlier."

It forecasts the revenue growth of the Indian IT services industry to improve mildly from 2% in 9M FY24, but remain modest at 3-5% in FY25.

Jotwani added that ICRA expects revenue growth (for its sample set companies) in FY25 to remain tepid at 3-5% for the second consecutive year, given persistent macro-economic headwinds in key markets of the US and Europe, resulting in lower discretionary IT spends by corporates. The impact is broad-based across all key sectors serviced by the industry."

However, banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) and telecom segments have contracted over others. Nonetheless, critical spending and cost optimisation deals continue to gain traction, supporting growth prospects for IT services firms to some extent, he added.

In 9M FY24, in US$ terms, ICRA's sample set companies recorded a modest year-over-year (YoY) growth of about 2.0% in revenues, against 9.2% in FY23. In terms of geography-wise trends, growth in the US saw a sharp moderation compared to that in Europe.

Mayweather eager to fight in India

Professional boxing legend Floyd Mayweather Jr on Monday said he is eager to participate in an exhibition fight in India this year and the possibility of an opponent from the host nation cannot be ruled out. "It's possible. I look forward to having an exhibition over here in 2024. We are looking for a solid name as a solid opponent," Mayweather said.

Post IOA order, WFI primed to regain full control of the sport

Indian Olympic Association instructs body to name "Safeguarding Committee" to address concerns of sexual harassment & conduct Athletes' Commission polls

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

DISSOLUTION of the three-member ad-hoc committee by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Monday came as a shot in the arm for the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) with the Paris Olympics only four months ago. It gives the federation freedom to take full control of the sport for the first time since the country's top wrestlers staged a massive protest against former WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in January 2023.

The IOA, through its order, stated the decision was taken in line with the move made by the United World Wrestling (UWW), the world governing body, last month wherein it lifted the suspension of the national federation. "I thank IOA for coming up with the order with the Olympics round the corner," Sanjay Kumar Singh, WFI president, told this daily.

Sanjay Singh said the WFI has already written to the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to organise national camps for the Asian Championships and Asian Olympic Games Qualifier scheduled in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan next month. "The medallists from the selection trials held jointly by the WFI and ad-hoc panel will be asked to join the camp. As was decided by the ad-hoc body, men will camp in Sonepat while the women will be held in Patiala. Not many days are left for the Olympics, so the focus will be to give our wrestlers the best possible preparations. If they want foreign exposure trips ahead of the qualifier, then it will also be arranged in coordination with the government," he added.

Notably, multiple World Championships medallist Vinesh Phogat, who was the face of the protest against Brij Bhushan, had won 50kg trials and secured bronze in 53kg making her eligible for the camp. Tokyo Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia, another prominent face of the protest, however, lost the 65kg trials. The duo, along with the Rio Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik, has also been protesting against the election

Sanjay Kumar Singh

of Sanjay Singh as the WFI chief, labelling him as the close associate of Brij Bhushan.

Athletes' Commission poll

The IOA, in the order, also directed the WFI to conduct elections of the Athletes' Commission. "However, as instructed by the UWW, it is imperative that the WFI appoint a Safeguarding Committee/Officer at the earliest to address the concerns of abuse and harassment and to ensure adherence to all rules, regulations and guidelines set forth by the elections of the Athletes' Commission in a time-bound manner, in accordance with the established procedures and guidelines. This step is essential to promote athlete representation and participation in the decision-making processes of the WFI," read the order.

Speaking on the directive, Sanjay Singh said the elections will be held next month during the Federation Cup. It is learnt that the tournament is scheduled in Chhattisgarh. "The federation will request all senior wrestlers to remain present so that they can elect members of the Athletes' Commission among themselves," a source told this daily.

Loan repayment

The IOA also asked the WFI to repay the loan provided to the ad-hoc committee for managing the federation's affairs. The panel remained at the helm twice before and after the WFI election. A three-member committee was formed on December 27 last year by the IOA after the sports ministry said the newly-elected WFI had flouted the norms. Incidentally, the sports ministry, which had instructed IOA to constitute the panel, has not commented on the recent move so far. The election was held under the supervision of returning officer, MM Kumar, retired Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court. It is learnt that the WFI was asked in the past to pay for service rendered by the returning officer and his assistant.

Court hearing

Meanwhile, a hearing is also scheduled in the Delhi High Court on April 26 on a writ petition filed by Bajrang, Vinesh, Sakshi and her husband Satyawart Kadian challenging the WFI election. It was only after a hearing on the petition on March 7 that the WFI withdrew its circular to host the selection trials and decided to hold it jointly with the panel.

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KNOW YOUR TEAMS

With the 2024 Indian Premier League beginning on Friday, a look at some of the teams and how they shape up for the this year's tournament...

MUMBAI INDIANS

2023 finish 4th

Key players: Hardik Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah, SKY, Rohit Sharma

AUCTION PERFORMANCE: Even before the start of the auction, Mumbai brought in Gujarat Titans captain Hardik Pandya, who will lead the side for this season, and let go of all-rounder Cameron Green to Royal Challengers Bangalore. With their acquisition of Mohammad Nabi and Gerald Coetzee, MI's bowling only looks stronger.

STRENGTH: With the return of Jasprit Bumrahm, who missed the 2023 season due to a back injury, Coetzee and Sri Lanka's Dilshan Madushanka, MI have one of the strongest pace units in the tournament. In captain Pandya, Rohit Sharma, Surya Kumar Yadav (still recovering from injury), and Nehal Wadhera the five-time champions have a strong Indian batting core as well.

POINTS TO PONDER: Even when they made it to the qualifiers last year, MI's spinners did not have the best season in 2023. The inclusion of Nabi has been positive, but the side would hope the other spinners can step up. Many personnel changes have happened behind the scenes leading up to the season and the quicker they come together as a squad, the better it is for them.

First phase schedule

- Mar 24 - vs GT, Ahmedabad
- Mar 27 - vs SRH, Hyderabad
- Apr 1 - vs RR, Mumbai
- Apr 7 - vs DC, Mumbai

ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE

Key players: Virat Kohli, Faf du Plessis, Mohammed Siraj, Glenn Maxwell

AUCTION PERFORMANCE: RCB got Green in the package from MI before the auction and almost spent their entire auction purse on Pat Cummins. Lucky for them, they didn't and ended up with some domestic talent like Mayank Dagar and Yash Dayal. The addition of Lockie Ferguson will bolster their pace battery.

STRENGTH: Du Plessis and Kohli will once again hold the key. In the bowling department, Siraj will be the core around which everyone else operates. Then, there is Maxwell, the OG T20 player. They have the experienced stars on paper, but it all will come down to how they can carry the team through the season.

POINTS TO PONDER: As always, their bowling is the concern, which looks a bit weaker than last year. In Karn Sharma and Dagar, RCB do have quality spinners, but Will Jacks and Maxwell would need to do a lot of heavy lifting with the ball if the Indian spinners don't turn up. How much of an impact their bowling attack can make consistently will be crucial for their chances.

First phase schedule

- Mar 22 - vs CSK, Chennai
- Mar 25 - vs PK, Bengaluru
- Mar 29 - vs KKR, Bengaluru
- Apr 2 - vs LSG, Bengaluru
- Apr 6 - vs RR, Jaipur

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS

Key players: Rinku Singh, Mitchell Starc, Shreyas Iyer, Andre Russell

AUCTION PERFORMANCE: The biggest signing of the auction was of course Australian pacer Mitchell Starc, for `24.75 crore, who will be coming back to the league after nine years. Along with the left arm quick, KKR signed Chetan Sakariya and Ramandeep Singh to bolster their bowling unit. Mujeeb Ur Rahman's addition will only enrich their arsenal.

STRENGTH: In Rinku Singh, KKR have a solid homegrown talent who can tear up bowling attacks. Captain Shreyas Iyer, Venkatesh Iyer and Nitish Rana form a reliable Indian core. Russell is still one of the most feared big-hitters. Then there is the return of Gautam Gambhir, who helped the franchise win their first title in 2012, as mentor.

POINTS TO PONDER: Although Rana led the side in the previous season, KKR missed Shreyas' presence with the bat and as a captain. Although the skipper has joined the team, he is not entirely fit and has been advised to be cautious with respect to his workload. While the spin department looks settled, there is still a huge reliance on Starc with pace. That could potentially hurt the balance.

First phase schedule

- Mar 23 - vs SRH, Kolkata
- Mar 29 - vs RCB, Bengaluru
- Apr 3 - vs DC, Vizag

Sai Kishore looks to carry forward Ranji success into IPL season

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

GUJARAT Titans, who were the runners-up in the last edition of the Indian Premier League, are gearing up for the new season under their new captain Shubman Gill. Gill will be leading this edition as the change was necessitated due to the trade of Hardik Pandya to Mumbai Indians. Nevertheless, Gujarat are a strong unit and are still one the teams that can challenge some of the revamped sides like Chennai Super Kings, Mumbai and Sunrisers Hyderabad.

R Sai Kishore, who led Tamil Nadu to the semifinals of the Ranji Trophy, is in red hot form having taken more than 50 wickets in the Indian marquee domestic tournament. IPL team combination dynamics is such that Sai Kishore could get to play a bigger role for Gujarat this time around. The simple reason being that the four foreign player rule would enable the likes of Kane Williamson, Rashid Khan, David Miller and Spencer Johnson to walk into the playing XI. A place for an Indian spinner is in the offing. Yes, some may argue the case of Noor Ahmad, but the fact that Sai Kishore is also a good batter could favour the Chennai-based player. "We are having a good time at the camp. All of us are working in a relaxed manner and at the same time focusing on our job," Sai Kishore told this daily.

Gill will be slightly under pressure as people are bound to compare him with Pandya. However, Sai Kishore backs the composed nature of Gill to come in handy. "Gill works in a relaxed manner and knows his job well. He is friendly with all the players and interacts well with them. He understands each and every player's ability and knows how to use them," insisted the Tamil Nadu captain. "Hardik led well last season for us. This year he moved to Mumbai. In professional sport, one needs to adapt and move on. We have got in our team a few players who have been captains before. So there are no worries, plus one needs to understand that in a tournament of this size (IPL) both International and Indian players need to mix and play. It is a team sport and as a team we will give our best," he added.

Personally, Sai Kishore has been in the best form of his life as one saw him bowl his heart out in the Ranji Trophy. "I have been working hard for the last three months. I had a fairly good Ranji season. I am also keen to do well in the IPL and most importantly, I always look to improve and be a better cricketer whatever be the format," said Sai Kishore. "From red ball to white ball, it is comparatively easy. Having played Ranji Trophy, I am in sync with the game and it will be easy to move to white-ball cricket. Comparatively white to red-ball is tough at times. I am bowling well, the ball is coming out nicely at the moment," he insisted.

The lanky Tamil Nadu spinner is once again looking forward to bowling with Rashid. The Afghan all-rounder with his unique style and variations has captured the imagination of fans world over. "He (Rashid) is a very different type of bowler. His spirit and body language is something we need to learn. He is a fearless character and I'm also fearless, so I am looking forward to an opportunity to bowl with him," observed Sai Kishore.

The likes of Williamson, Miller, Gill, B Sai Sudharsan, Abhinav Manohar, Shahrukh Khan, Vijay Shankar and Rahul Tewatia have it in them to win a match of their own. Williamson's presence will add calmness at the top of the order. "Sai Sudharsan gave a good account of himself last season in the IPL. This time too we expect him to do well. He is a talented and hard working boy. I am sure he has it in him to do well this season too," he added.

Ashish Nehra, coach of the Gujarat team has played a big role in putting the new entrant into the league on track. His passion and hard work has borne fruit for the team. "Nehra is a very nice human being. He is very honest and never speaks behind your back. This honesty motivates the players to take his observations, suggestions and incorporate it into their game and play to their optimum level," signed off Sai Kishore.

EXPRESS READ

Miami Open: Nagal in 2nd qualifying round

MIAMI: India's top tennis player Sumit Nagal advanced to the second qualifying round of the Miami Open on Monday. Going up against the unseeded Canadian, Gabriel Diallo, the Indian, seeded 16th in the qualifiers, went through 7-6(3), 6-2. Nagal is only a round away from the advancing to the main draw. He had reached the main draw at Indian Wells too, before going down to Milos Raonic, another Canadian, in straight sets (3-6, 3-6).

Akhil, Anish win gold at Polish Grand Prix

NEW DELHI: Paris Olympics quota winners Akhil Sheoran and Anish Bhanwala won a gold medal each as India ended their Polish Grand Prix campaign with six medals. Sheoran won gold in the men's 50m rifle 3-positions Match 2 with a record score of 468.4. Patrik Jany was 2.2 points behind at second spot Wroclawia & Dolnego Slaska. Both the scores were higher than the existing world record of 466.1, held by Jiri Privratsky.

Rohit's hand will be on my shoulder through the season: MI captain Hardik

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

IN what was his first media interaction since being ruled out of the ODI World Cup last year, Hardik Pandya, the newly appointed Mumbai Indians captain, reaffirmed that his predecessor Rohit Sharma's hand will be on his shoulders through the upcoming IPL season.

Sharma, who had been MI captain since 2013, was removed from the position after MI brought back Pandya from Gujarat Titans in an all-cash deal. Pandya was named the captain of the five-time champions shortly after. It also put a cloud over who will lead the country in the shortest format, especially with the World Cup around.

Pandya had captained India in T20Is since the 2022 T20 World Cup, but Sharma had made a comeback in the format earlier in January. Ahead of Rajkot Test against England, BCCI secretary Jay Shah cleared the air and announced that Sharma will lead the country in the upcoming global event scheduled

to be played in United States and West Indies immediately after the IPL. This, once again, set off rumors about a rift between the two senior India cricketers.

On Monday, in the pre-tournament press conference, Pandya said that he expects the dressing room environment to remain the same. "It will not be any different, he will always be there to help me. You mentioned that he is the captain of the Indian team, which helps me because this team, what it has achieved, it has achieved under him," he told the media in Mumbai on Monday. "...from now onwards, it is (about) what he has achieved, I just have to carry forward that. I don't think it will be any awkward or any different. I have played my whole career under him and he is going to have his hand on my shoulder throughout the season," Pandya added.

When asked if he has spoken with Sharma, Pandya said, "Yes and no," before adding, "We are professionals, by the time the team comes together...we have been playing cricket...it has only been a couple of months that we have not seen each other. Whenever the IPL starts, which is from today since we have the practice game, once he comes, we will definitely have a chat." Sharma joined the camp in the team hotel later in the evening.

While the 30-year-old admitted and acknowledged the backlash and reactions from the fans, Pandya said he wants to focus on the job at hand. "The backlash... To be very honest we respect fans but at the same time, we focus on the sport and what is required. I focus on the controllables and I do not focus on what I cannot control. At the same time, we are very grateful to fans. A lot of fame and love comes from them and they have every right and I respect their opinion," he said.

The 30-year-old all-rounder said that he is keen to feature in all the games and will look to roll his arm as well. "I have no issues with my body, I plan to play all the games. Technically, I was out for three months. It was a freak injury and it had nothing to do with my earlier injuries. I tried to stop the ball and ended up getting injured," he said.

BFI accepts high-performance director Dunne's resignation

ENS/AGENCIES @New Delhi

THE Boxing Federation of India (BFI), on Monday, announced that it has accepted the resignation of high-performance director Bernard Dunne. The Indian team will continue to train under the guidance of Dmitrij Dmitruk.

The decision was taken during BFI's way forward meeting, which was chaired by the BFI President Ajay Singh and attended by Secretary General Hemanta Kumar Kalita, Treasurer Digvijay Singh, Vice President Rajesh Bhandari and Chairman of BFI's Disciplinary & Dispute Commission DP Bhatt. "Bernard Dunne was an integral part of BFI's set-up but unfortunately we have to mutually part ways. His resignation was accepted by the committee. During his tenure, the Indian boxers have achieved multiple milestones. We express our sincere gratitude for his dedication, hard work and contributions and we wish him best of luck for his future endeavours," commented BFI President Ajay Singh.

INDIAN WELLS

Alcaraz defends title, Swiatek crowned champion

AGENCIES @Indian Wells

CARLOS Alcaraz arrived at Indian Wells full of doubt about his twisted right ankle. He's leaving as a two-time champion. He defeated Daniil Medvedev 7-6 (5), 6-1 for the second straight year in the Indian Wells final on Sunday, earning his first title since winning Wimbledon last year.

Iga Swiatek beat Maria Sakkari 6-4, 6-0 in just over an hour to win the women's title, with Swiatek losing just 21 games in six matches during the 12-day tournament 'an average of 3.5 games per match.

Alcaraz sprained his ankle at the Rio Open in late February. His first practice at Indian Wells lasted 30 minutes without any movement. His first practice with his fellow pros 'was really tough for me,' he said in a Tennis Channel interview. Alcaraz outlasted Jannik Sinner in a three-set semifinal after needing three sets to get out of his second-round match. "After every match I was feeling better,"

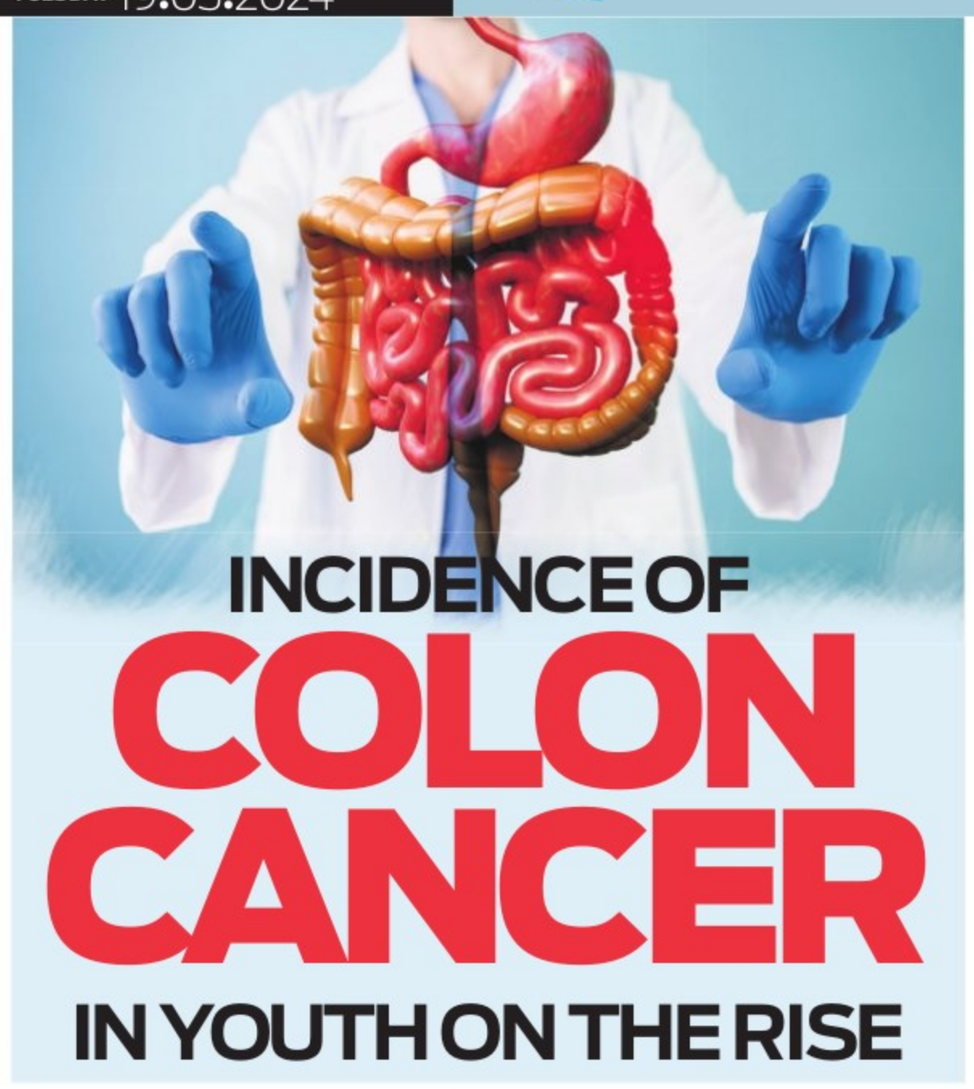
Carlos Alcaraz celebrates after winning the Indian Wells title on Sunday | AFP

Alcaraz said. "I was getting more confident after every match. Winning a Master 1000 again, a really important tournament to win, gives you motivation to keep going."

Alcaraz became the first man to defend his Indian Wells title since Novak Djokovic won three in a row from 2014-16.

He beat Medvedev 6-3, 6-2 last year in the Southern California desert. "It's definitely your court, you like it here," Medvedev told Alcaraz during the victory ceremony.

Low-risk cervical cancer can safely be treated with a less radical operation than what patients have generally undergone, according to results from a 700-patient trial. The incidence of pelvic recurrence of cancer at 3 years was 2.17% in radical hysterectomy group and 2.52% in simple hysterectomy group, according to a report published in The New England Journal of Medicine



INCIDENCE OF COLON CANCER IN YOUTH ON THE RISE

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

RAMESH Kumar, 30, has a family history of colon cancer as he had lost his father to it. So, when Rakesh had recurrent constipation followed by loose stools, his world crashed when a growth was detected and a biopsy confirmed cancer. After undergoing surgery, followed by radiation and then chemotherapy, he is cancer-free today. But he never thought, even in his wildest dreams, that he would get colon cancer at this young age – even though he had a family history – as it is said to predominantly affect older individuals, with the majority of cases occurring in people aged 50 and above. But it is not so anymore.

"Lately, colon cancer incidence and death rates have fallen for individuals older than 50 years with an increase in screening tests like colonoscopy. However, the opposite is true for individuals younger than 50," said Dr Pragya Shukla, head of oncology at Delhi State Cancer Institute (DSCI).

Highlighting the fact that colon cancer cases in India are seeing a sudden rise, Dr Amanjeet Singh, director and head of colorectal surgery, gestro-intestinal (GI) surgery, GI oncology and bariatric surgery, gastrosciences, Medanta, said although colorectal cancer has long been associated with older age groups, there is a concerning trend emerging in India as an increasing number of cases being diagnosed among younger individuals, including Millennial and Gen Z. "We are seeing more and more young people below 40 years in our hospital, and the concerning part is that they are being detected at the end stage of cancer. Some of these cases also include young teens below 20 years of age," he said. "This shift in demographics underscores the complex interplay of genetic predisposition and environmental factors contributing to the development of colorectal cancer," he added. He said that there are various reasons for this rise – one is Covid-19, which hindered people from visiting hospitals to get themselves screened on time for colon cancer, while the other is lifestyle changes and genetic predispositions. According to Globocan 2020, colon cancer – a type of cancer that starts in the large intestine (colon) or rectum - is ranked fourth in incidence and fifth in mortality in the world. In India, colon cancer, also known as colorectal cancer, ranks thirteenth in incidence as well as mortality. Colon cancer typically begins as small, noncancerous clumps of cells called polyps, which eventually develops into cancer if not detected and removed early. Stressing that, unlike western countries, Indians get colorectal cancer at a younger age, Dr Sandeep Nayak P, director, department of surgical oncology and robotic and laparoscopic surgery, Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru, said several factors may increase one's risk of colon cancer. Apart from age, personal and family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, other reasons include inflammatory intestinal conditions, inherited syndromes that increase colon cancer risk, red meat, sedentary lifestyle, diabetes, obesity, smoking, alcohol and radiation therapy for cancer.

"Colon cancer is more likely to go undetected as the condition typically has no symptoms, if at all, in its early stages," said Dr Arun Kumar Giri, director of surgical oncology, Aakash Healthcare, New Delhi.

"When they do appear, symptoms vary in different individuals depending on the location in the intestine and size of the tumour. Weakness or fatigue, anaemia, unexplained weight loss along with changes in your bowel habits, abdominal discomfort and blood in your stool or from the rectum are some of the common symptoms of cancer of the colon. If any of the symptoms persist, it's time to see a doctor," he said.

Dr Shukla said that individuals with any of the colorectal cancer risk factors should start screening at an earlier age. Colon cancer treatment and even its detection have seen significant advancements in India.

Dr Vidyachandra Gandhi, consultant, gastrointestinal and HPB surgeon, Manipal Hospital, Kharadi, Pune, said surgery – open, laparoscopic, or Robotic – is the most common modality employed in treating colon cancer as it is effective in curing the disease at an early stage. "Surgical removal involves complete removal of the tumour and a healthy margin of the intestine and surrounding lymph nodes. Most of the rectal cancers would need chemotherapy and radiation before the surgery," he said. Even if cancer has spread to a part of the liver, the tumour, along with part of the liver, can be treated with surgery. "There are other options to treat colorectal liver metastasis, like radiofrequency ablation, transarterial chemoembolisation and trans arterial radioembolisation," Dr Gandhi added. Dr Nayak said that one of the most notable advancements is using minimally invasive techniques such as laparoscopic and robotic surgery. These techniques are less traumatic to the patients and more acceptable to them. "In the hands of expert cancer surgeons, the disease clearance is better than conventional open surgery. For cancers that are in the rectum, the use of robotic surgery has made a lot of difference in the outcome for the patient," he said.

Vaccinate kids to lower risk of respiratory infections

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AS the prevalence of common respiratory issues in children is on the rise, experts are emphasising the importance of preventive measures and advanced treatments. The most common respiratory diseases affecting children include asthma, characterised by symptoms like wheezing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness, often accompanied by fever if triggered by an infection.

"A child's vulnerability to respiratory illnesses is influenced by genetics and environmental exposures. A family history of conditions like asthma increases risk, while exposure to tobacco smoke, air pollution, allergens, and indoor mould can irritate and inflame young lungs. Premature birth and low birth weight are also significant risk factors due to underdeveloped lungs and weaker immune systems, respectively," Dr Narayanaswamy, paediatrician and founder of Athreya Hospital in Bengaluru said.

XPLAINER

Symptoms of respiratory illnesses

- Bronchiolitis, prevalent in infants, presents with symptoms such as wheezing, coughing, rapid and difficult breathing
- Pneumonia manifests with symptoms like fever with chills, cough, rapid breathing, chest pain and fatigue
- Croup typically involves a barking cough, hoarseness, and difficulty breathing
- Flu exhibits sudden onset of fever or chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headaches, and possibly vomiting and diarrhoea in some children
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) infection, common in infants and young children, shares symptoms akin to a cold.

As a preventive measure, children should be vaccinated as a primary defence. "Vaccines, including those for influenza, measles, whooping cough, and pneumococcal infections, significantly lower the risk of contracting these diseases," Dr Narayanaswamy said.

Highlighting the latest strides in diagnosing and managing childhood respiratory illnesses, Dr Ilin Kinimi, consultant, paediatric pulmonology and sleep medicine at Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road, Bengaluru, said, "In asthma management, emphasis lies on education, environmental modifications, personalised action plans and pharmacological interventions to optimise control and minimise exacerbations. Collaborative efforts with allergists and immunologists are pivotal for pinpointing triggers and administering targeted therapies like allergy immunotherapy or biologics." Innovations in devices such as inhalers and nebulisers are making them more child-friendly and efficient in drug delivery, bolstering adherence to long-term medications. Pulmonary function tests and employing techniques like forced oscillation techniques and impulse oscillometry furnish critical insights into lung capacity and airway resistance, particularly advantageous for younger patients.

"Advanced imaging modalities like high-resolution computed tomography and MRI enhance diagnostic accuracy and precision for interventional procedures by detecting structural abnormalities and assessing lung development," Dr Ilin added.

Dr Ilin said that endobronchial interventions and minimally invasive thoracic surgeries are revolutionising treatment approaches, ensuring shorter hospital stays and improved patient comfort. "Home ventilation devices like BIPAP and CPAP machines, alongside telemedicine and digital healthcare platforms, are breaking down geographical barriers and providing remote monitoring, thus improving access to specialised care and reducing healthcare costs," Dr Ilin said and added that the integration of multidisciplinary teams comprising pulmonologists, gastroenterologists, physiotherapists and social workers is optimising outcomes for children with complex respiratory conditions like cystic fibrosis or neuromuscular disorders.

NEWS CAPSULES

CAR-T cell therapy to treat deadly brain tumour

First-in-human studies of CAR-T cell therapies for recurrent glioblastoma suggest it may eventually become useful for patients with this deadly type of brain cancer, researchers say. The treatment involves removing a patients' own T cells, genetically altering them and re-infusing them. The therapy, which has so far only been approved for a variety of blood cancers, shrank tumours in three separate early-stage glioblastoma trials designed to test the safety of the approach. In one trial, reported in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, three patients with recurrent glioblastoma were treated with CAR-T cells engineered to target various forms of EGFR proteins on the tumor cell surface.

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DAY'S DIARY

War on Iraq

On this day in 2003, the United States, along with coalition forces primarily from the United Kingdom, initiated war on Iraq

INVASION

US and allied forces invaded Iraq and toppled Saddam Hussein's regime, alleging Iraq was a threat to peace. Most countries refused to support military action against it

AFTERMATH

By May, Iraq's army was defeated. Saddam Hussein was captured and executed. In 2004, the country was engulfed by a sectarian insurgency

EVIDENCE

US Secretary of State Colin Powell said Iraq had 'mobile labs' for weapons but later acknowledged the evidence "appears not to be... that solid"

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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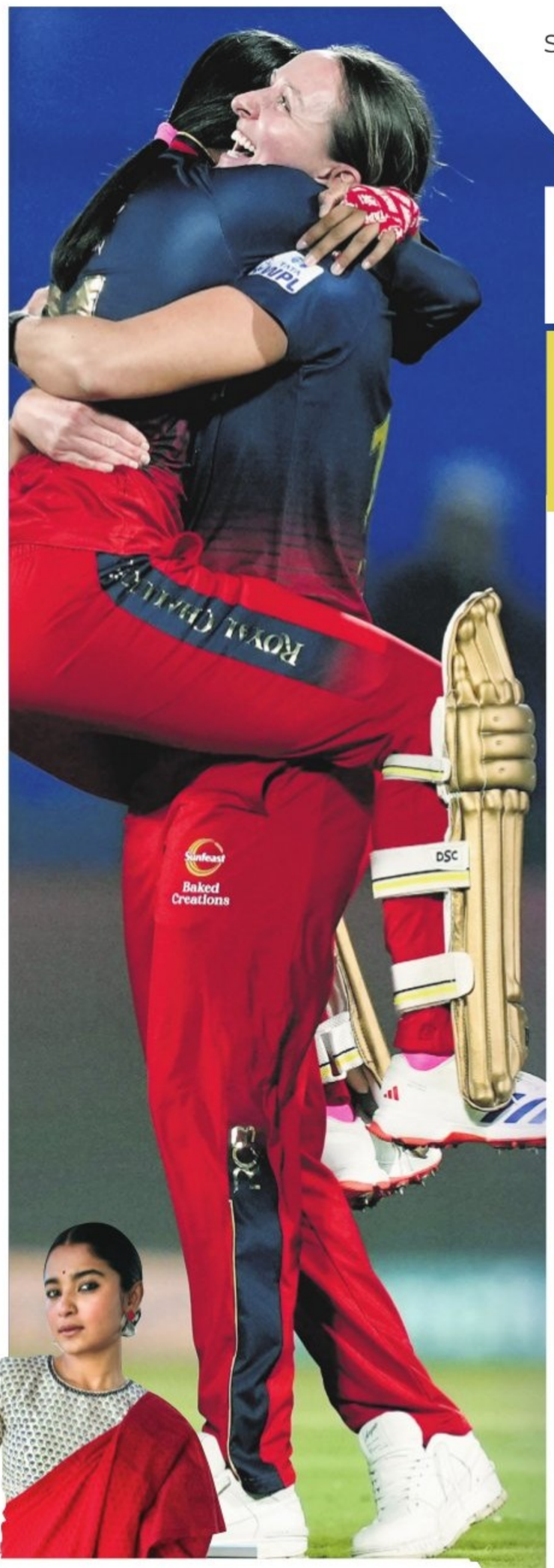

The time has finally come for 'Ee Sala Cup Nammadu'... Smriti Mandhana led her team to a maiden title in the Women's Premier League, breaking Royal Challengers Bangalore's long-standing jinx. *CE* captures the highs of B'lureans who are rejoicing the arrival of the women's cricket team, and how!

LADIES FIRST!

MONIKA MONALISA

ALLEN Abhishek, a hard-core Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) fan, makes sure that each time the team plays the finals, he watches till the end. He did the same on Sunday evening when the RCB women's team clinched an eight-wicket victory over Delhi Capitals to claim their maiden title in the Women's Premier League (WPL). The win was special as it broke a jinx of almost 16 years. What was different this time for Abhishek though? "We usually skip the post-match presentation as soon as we know that the team is losing the match. We don't want to see another team lifting the cup. For the first time, we actually saw the winning moment and have been rewatching it since, just to relive the winning experience," says an emotional Abhishek.

The win is a huge deal for many RCB fans like him, an emotion that was evident on the streets of Bengaluru. "After the win, I went to Church Street where people were dancing and embracing each other," says Abhishek, who also co-founded the fan page RCB fan army.

Having been a pioneer and ardent promoter of women's cricket from the '70s, Geeta Parthasarathi beams with pride at RCB's triumph. "Women's cricket has arrived and they have just shown that they are as good, if not better than the Indian men's team in terms of talent and skills. It's a great motivation for other women to take up cricket as a professional game. It's a milestone in the history of women's cricket," says Parthasarathi, who recalls the struggles to promote women's cricket back in the day.

Watching RCB lift the cup was a dream come true for Kannadigas and it was no different for Karnataka's off-spinner Chandu V. "This is the moment every cricketer from Karnataka has been waiting for. This means a lot to everybody," says Chandu. As a cricketer, she had a few high points during the tournament. "Our Karnataka hudugi Shreyanka Patil played extremely well, winning the Purple Cap for her 13 wickets in this season. This is a wonderful moment for any player," she adds.

For actor Chaithra J Achar, who recalls the moment when Ellyse Perry's iconic shot smashed a car window, the win feels personal having waited for this day ever she since she was a child. "I have grown up from being a child to an adult hoping to see this day," says Achar with a laugh, adding, "Watching the men's team not making it to the top has been very disappointing. So someone picking the trophy for us is a delightful moment. Now, I hope the men's team gets the trophy, too, and it becomes a double win for us."

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– Chandu V, cricketer

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CITY READ

University holds inter-college tech fest

St Joseph's University's Cybernetics Association hosted SYNTAXIA 2024, its flagship annual inter-college tech fest on March 12 and 13. The event saw participation by over 250 students from colleges across Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Undergraduate and postgraduate students took part in over 20 technical and non-technical competitions like Tech Tank, Byte-O-Mania, Web Fiesta, AniMania and more. Fr. Denzil Lobo SJ, the Dean of the School of Information Technology, SJU, declared Christ University as the overall champions, presenting them with a trophy. Each participant received a certificate of participation, and winners received their cash prizes, digitally.

Bengaluru International Arts Festival to kick off on March 22

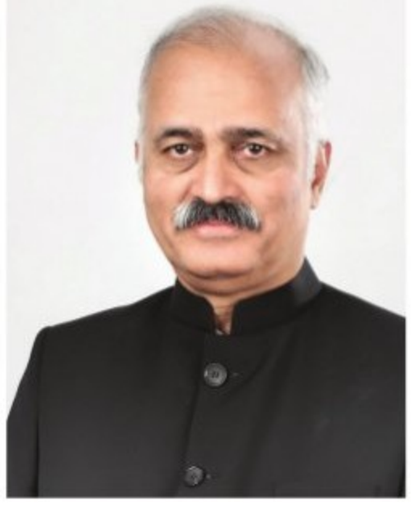
The 16th edition of Bengaluru International Arts Festival (BIAF) will kick off on March 22 at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram. The five-day festival will commemorate the birth centenary of Pandit Kumar Gandharva and will feature musical and dance performances by some of the nation's most distinguished talents. The festival is organised by Artists Introspective Movement (AIM) and is being held in association with the Academy of Music, Department of Kannada & Culture, with support from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. This year's edition will commence with a jugalbandi by Ronu Majumdar and troupe followed by Carnatic vocal by Abhishek Raghuram and troupe. Some of the artistes performing this year include Hindustani vocalists Sangeetha Katti, Venkatesh Kumar, and Bhuvanesh Komkali, among others.

SUKRITI GUPTA

KODAGU INFORMATION portal RELAUNCHED IN A NEW AVATAR

KODAGU'S first tourism and news portal, *coorgtourisminfo.com*, originally launched in 2005 by journalist and author **PT Bopanna**, has been relaunched in a new avatar. The new site is a merger of five of Bopanna's Kodagu-centric websites focusing on recipes, homestays, jewellery, and books. The revamped portal includes sections covering tourist spots, homestays, Kodava culture, recipes, history, festivals, books, and blogs, and is a complete repository of information for everyone who wants to visit Kodagu or know more about its history and culture. The website also features a section dedicated to Kodava rituals concerning birth, wedding, and death to cater to the diaspora spread across the world. Besides featuring a weekend tour plan to Kodagu curated by renowned travel writer Priya Ganapathy, it also includes area-wise detailed listings of homestays with contact details. It also features columns by celebrated writer CP Belliappa, alongside a section on 'Kodagu experiences' that features first-hand experiences of travellers.

Bopanna sees this passion project as a public service that aims to guide people visiting Kodagu about its local culture and traditions so that they become more aware, responsible, understanding, and appreciative of the place.



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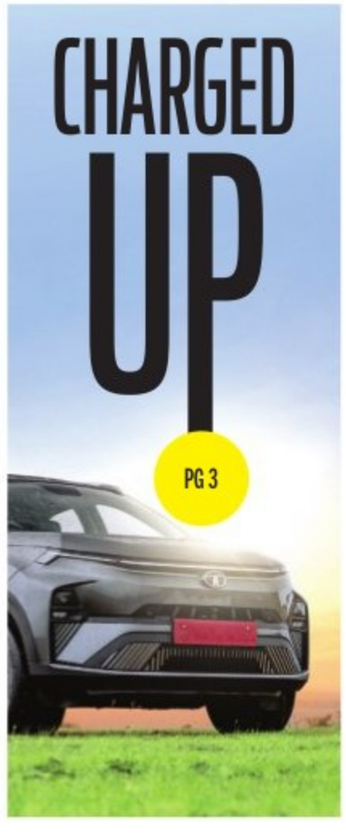


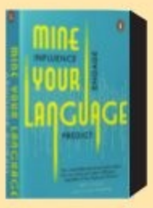
RAMPING UP

Famed classical dancer and actor Vani Ganapathy walks the ramp as part of World Kidney Day celebrations at Leela Bharatiya City on Saturday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

BOOK NOOK

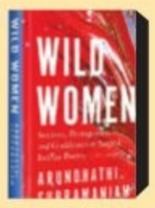
Like Being Alive Twice
By Dharini Bhaskar

In a nation that's about to rupture, Poppy and Tariq are in love. Tariq intends to propose; Poppy intends to say yes. Both assume that they'll fend off political blowback. For, surely, their privilege will protect them. But will it?



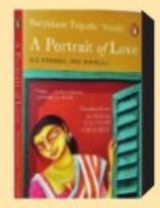
Mine Your Language
By Abhishek Borah

Abhishek Borah meticulously and marvellously showcases the influence of language on business. Mine Your Language will teach you to use language to influence, engage and predict.



Wild Women
By Arundhathi Subramaniam

In this anthology of sacred poetry, Arundhathi Subramaniam weaves together haunting voices of, by and for women across the Indian subcontinent. It traverses the poetry of ancient Buddhist nuns, Bhakti and Sufi mystics, tantrikas and Vedantins.



A Portrait of Love
By Suryakant Tripathi 'Nirala'

Suryakant Tripathi 'Nirala' was among the maverick writers who shaped modern Hindi literature. Translated by Gautam Choubey, the book is an ode to Nirala's genius, drawing attention to his long-ignored legacy in prose.

BIBLIOPHILE BLISS

Actor Sangeetha Sringeri browses through a selection of books exhibited at a literature festival held over the weekend | VINOD KUMAR

QUICKFIX

MASALA EGG TOAST

Contributed by **D Sheba,** Hyderabad

INGREDIENTS

- **Eggs:** 2
- **Onion:** 1 (finely chopped)
- **Tomato:** 1 (finely chopped)
- **Bread:** 2 slices
- **Green chilli:** 1
- **Salt:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- To a bowl add two eggs and whisk it well,
- To it add onions, chilli, tomato and mix it well.
- Add salt to the batter then dip the bread slices in it.
- Heat oil in a pan.
- Place the egg-coated bread slices on a pan and let it fry on both sides.
- Serve it hot once cooked.

DEAR LIFE

Preeti Shenoy
Insta: @preeti.shenoy
Novelist, Illustrator, Speaker

My mom is having an affair. I overthink a lot and can't focus on myself. What do I do?

No matter how old we become, there's always a part of us, which forever remains a child where our parents are perfect, loving beings, whose whole lives revolve around us.

As adults, though we know better, it's hard to accept our parents as flawed humans, trying to lead happier lives. A mother is universally an epitome of sacrifice and kindness, often placed on a pedestal so high, that to see her as a woman struggling under the burden of expectations placed upon her, is almost impossible. Your mother has made certain choices, including the one to stay in the marriage with your father. It's between her and her husband. It's not your duty to save your parents' marriage. You can't, even if you want to. Only they can. As long as your parents are both there for you, that's all what matters. Be kinder towards them and less judgemental.

Send your questions to askpreetishenoy @gmail.com

FITBIT

DANDASANA
(STAFF POSE)

Dandasana refers to the spine placed like a staff or a rod. It is a great core strengthening seated asana, usually, it's practised as a warm-up pose. It may look easy but it is an intensive, strength-building workout for the hips, legs, abdomen, chest, and back. Therefore, it is considered a basic beginner pose.

STEPS

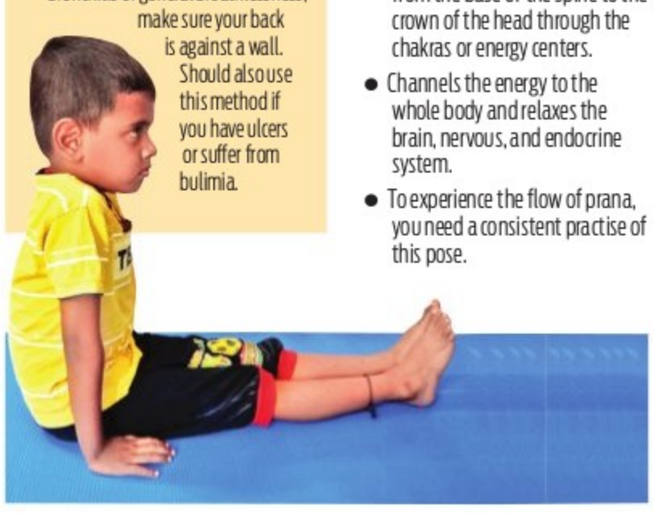
- Sit with the legs outstretched in front of the body. Point the big toes upwards.
- Keep the spine and neck erect, legs together and feet gently touching each other.
- Place the palm on the floor by the side of hips, pointing fingers towards the toes.
- Keep the arms straight to provide a firm and gentle support to the spine.
- Stretch big toes towards yourself and firmly press thighs and heels into the floor.
- Engage the leg muscles to root legs down into the ground.
- Gently press the palms against the floor to elongate back.
- Stretch the spine upwards right from the pelvis to the top of the head.
- Lift the chest up and slightly draw shoulders back to broaden collarbones.
- Maintain a straight gaze and take slow breaths.
- Hold Dandasana from 20 seconds to a minute depending on how long you feel comfortable.

BENEFITS

- Develops awareness in the body.
- Evenly spreads body weight on hips and also chest and thighs.
- Expand your upper body upwards and lower body forward.
- Brings a good stretch to the lumbar back close to the sacral.
- Stretches, tones, and strengthens the back muscle.
- Keeping the torso perpendicular to the floor, gives you the feeling of grounding.
- Balances the disturbed root chakra.
- Restores the natural shape of your spine, hips, and leg.
- Builds flexibility in the hip extensors and pelvic muscles.
- Gives basic strength to the core.
- Abdominal area muscles can be worked at and strengthened.
- Strengthens all the major core muscles.
- Psoas in the hips and upper leg, erector spinae in the lumbar back, and the transverse abdominus in the lower abdomen are all actively engaged.
- Strengthens the pelvic floor muscle and promotes proper blood flow.
- Improves the function of the sciatic nerve.
- Regular practise can ease the pain of sciatica.
- Therapeutic for asthma that opens up a chest, promoting the flow of oxygen.
- Prana or subtle energy flows from the base of the spine to the crown of the head through the chakras or energy centers.
- Channels the energy to the whole body and relaxes the brain, nervous, and endocrine system.
- To experience the flow of prana, you need a consistent practise of this pose.

LIMITATIONS

- Avoid eating prior to the practice.
- Beginners with rough-and-tough body structure practise normally. Avoid performing this pose forcibly.
- If anyone has a lower back or a wrist injury, avoid this.
- Use a blanket under the legs if hamstrings are too tight.
- If you suffer from breathing disorders, such as asthma, bronchitis or general breathlessness, make sure your back is against a wall. Should also use this method if you have ulcers or suffer from bulimia.



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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Ceramic Creations

Mould your imagination and creativity with clay into beautiful décor and art pieces at this pottery workshop. Experience the joy of crafting things by hand.

WHEN: March 19, 11am
WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Lego Land

Unleash your inner child and immerse yourself in the world of the classic building blocks. Create stunning and fun pieces of marvels with intricate Lego pieces.

WHEN: March 19, 5pm
WHERE: AZPIRE.IN Mind Gym with Toys , Old Madras Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Robotics for Kids

Let your little ones discover the ingenious world of robotics and AI at this workshop that introduces them to newer dimensions of science in a fun way.

WHEN: March 19, 11am
WHERE: Playto Labs, Domlur
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Colourful Bash

Get ready for an exhilarating Holi celebration with the perfect blend of lively music and the right crowd. DJ Marshmallow will be taking the stage, promising an unforgettable night of high-energy beats and electrifying vibes.

WHEN: March 22, 4pm
WHERE: NICE Grounds, Dasanapura Hobli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Midweek Getaway

Plan a perfect midweek getaway at this resort for a day of exhilarating activities like bungee jumping, ziplining, and more to escape the city buzz.

WHEN: March 19, 8.30am
WHERE: Guhantara Resort, Kaggalipura
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Baking Delights

Indulge in the art of baking and create mouthwatering pastries, sweets, and cakes under the guidance of professionals at this workshop. Find respite from the stress of work and enjoy a day of baking bliss.

WHEN: March 19, 3pm
WHERE: SmallWorld , Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Serene Sunrises

Embark on a mesmerising trek and witness the dawn break from atop the majestic Skandigiri hills. A midnight trek designed for the adventurers in you, to experience the stunning beauty of nature at its finest.

WHEN: March 19, 11.30pm
WHERE: Pickup from Croma Store, Venkappa Garden
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Laugh Out Loud

An evening of hilarity and gut-busting laughter awaits you at this standup show showcasing a lineup of seasoned comedians guaranteed to leave you in stitches.

WHEN: March 19, 8.30pm
WHERE: YUCK Comedy Club, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Love, Laugher & Life

Whether you are single, soul searching for love or someone in a relationship, this hilarious evening featuring jokes about love and relationships is for you. A diverse lineup of comedians will make you feel relatable.

WHEN: March 19, 8.15pm
WHERE: Ministry of Comedy, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

WINDOW TO WILDERNESS

A work by artist Badrunissa Irfan, part of a series on nature, currently on display at Sublime Galleria, Vittal Mallya Road

CHARGED UP

Nexon.EV pulls ahead with a slew of features that gives it a fresh appearance and enhanced appeal

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

THE Nexon.EV is the undisputed leader among electric vehicles in India. Now, its maker Tata Motors has pushed this lead even further with a slew of new features. The redesigned front and rear end of the vehicle with a fresh appearance, while the introduction of smart features and a new electric motor significantly enhances its appeal.

Having spent over a week with the vehicle, here are my insights.

SMART FEATURES

The infotainment system impresses with its high-resolution display, enhancing the utility of the 360-degree camera view. Features like wireless smartphone integration, a top-notch JBL sound system, wireless charger, onboard air purifier, sunroof, and connected technology further enrich the driving experience.

Exterior

Nexon.EV is a common sight on the road. So, I won't delve into the exterior details of the vehicle. However, the new version's LED light bars at both the front (DRLs) and rear are noteworthy and now show welcome animations.

Additionally, the front LED light bar also doubles as a charging indicator.

A redesigned air dam, bumper, and alloy wheels, enhance the aerodynamics of the vehicle, thus contributing to improved range.

Interior

Inside, the new Nexon.EV dons a premium look, with a 12.3-inch infotainment screen and a 10.25-inch instrument cluster as centerpieces of the facelifted dashboard.

Touch-sensitive control panels and a two-spoke steering wheel with touch controls and an illuminated Tata logo elevate the interior's sophistication. Unlike other Tata electric vehicles that feature a rotary

dial, the Nexon.EV introduces a gear selector knob.

The seats are notably wide and supportive, with ventilated front seats providing comfort during hot conditions.

Safety

On the safety front, the vehicle is equipped with six airbags, parking sensors at both ends, an electronic parking brake, hill descent and ascent control, and rear disc brakes.

The updated motor delivers 145Hp and 215Nm torque, ensuring smooth power delivery. The drive modes – Eco, City, and Sport – noticeably alter performance, while the efficient brake energy regeneration system extends the vehicle's range.

Charging

With a 40.5kWh battery pack and an ARAI-certified range of 465km, my mixed city and highway driving achieved over 330km, which is commendable. Charging at a KSEB station using the ChargeMOD app, the DC fast-charge feature replenished the battery in about one and a half hours from its lowest level.

Finding and using a charging provider required downloading specific apps and purchasing recharge packs, which can be inconvenient. A payment system akin to UPI would greatly simplify the use of this impressive vehicle.

XPRESS HIGHWAY

FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CAR KADUVA'

NEW RELEASES

BYD INDIA FORAYS INTO LUXURY ELECTRIC SEDAN MARKET

BYD India marked its foray into the luxury electric sedan market with the debut of the BYD SEAL. This high-performance electric sedan, which has won the iF Design Award, is powered by CTB and iTAC technologies, alongside the innovative e-Platform 3.0. It boasts rear-wheel/all-wheel drive, superior suspensions, and swift 0-100 km/h acceleration in just 3.8 seconds, ensuring top-notch performance alongside a notable 650 km range. It is available in three variants: Dynamic at ₹41,00,000, Premium at ₹45,55,000, and Performance at ₹53,00,000 (ex-showroom prices). Since its launch on March 5, the BYD SEAL has seen a remarkable reception, with 200 bookings on day one.

MAHINDRA LAUNCHES THAR EARTH EDITION

The Mahindra Thar Earth Edition, inspired by the Thar Desert, enhances the SUV's legacy of adventure. This special edition stands out with a unique satin matte 'Desert Fury' finish, custom decals, and Earth Edition badging, promising to attract the new generation of adventurers. Available in both diesel and petrol, manual and automatic, it offers an exclusive 4x4 experience in the LX hard top variant. Ex-showroom prices: ₹15.40 lakh (MT petrol), ₹16.99 lakh (AT petrol), ₹16.15 lakh (MT Diesel), ₹17.60 lakh (AT Diesel).

TATA INTRODUCES DARK RANGE FOR SUVS

Tata Motors has reintroduced its SUVs in the #DARK range. The vehicles available in this line is Nexon (ICE and EV models), the new Safari and Harrier. The #DARK range, known for setting industry trends, embodies luxury and opulence. Pricing details: Nexon #DARK at ₹11.45 lakh, Nexon.EV #DARK at ₹19.49 lakh, Harrier #DARK at ₹19.99 lakh, and Safari #DARK at ₹20.69 lakh (ex-showroom, New Delhi).

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Munimadaiah P M,** S/o Madaiah (Aadhar No.2049 2853 6544) aged about 61 years, Residing at # Paruvaianapalya, Harohalli, Kaggalahalli,Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562112. have changed my name to **Munimadaiah P M** from **Madaiah** for all future purposes vide affidavit number IN-KA97601 -099774839W dated 11 Jan 2024 before notary Chethana S. V (advocate) Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I **(OLD NAME) VARGEESE MM,** Father of NO.15322695Y HAV, MATHAI MV, Residing at Bhagyamma Layout, Indira Nagar, Hiluvalli (Vill), Narasimharajapura (Post & TK), Chikkamagaluru (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 577134, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) VARKI M M,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1955** to **01.01.1953** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.03.2024 Sworn Before Notary C.V. EARAPPA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **INDUMATI HIREMATH @ INDUMATI PARAMESHWAR KAMBALIMATH,** W/o Parameshwar Kambalimath, R/at #A-107, Disha Park West, besides Disha Central Park, Panathur - Varthur Main Road, Panathur, Bengaluru-560 087 have changed my name to **INDUMATI KOTTURESHWAR HIREMATH,** vide affidavit dated 18/03/2024, sworn before Notary **N. KANCHIVARADARAJU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K.S. SIKANTH,** resident of No. 1/2, 14th Cross, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore-560043, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **PRANAVI SRIKANTH ACHAR** to **TANVI S ACHARI** vide affidavit dated 18.03.2024, sworn to before V. Rajashekhara, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BUSHRA ALMAS ALI** (Old Name) Resident of H No 4-2-55 Ashok Depo Mangalwar Peth Opp Raju Tailor Raichur 584101 (address), have changed my name as **BUSHRA ALMAS** (New Name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13/03/2024 before notary **Bidaralli N. B.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIDYA LATHA** OR **VIDYA LATHA KONDAMAR RAMACHANDRA,** W/o Giri Govind Shanmugam, R/o No. 676, 9th A Cross, 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bangalore – 560086, have permanently changed my name from **VIDYA LATHA** OR **VIDYA LATHA KONDAMAR RAMACHANDRA** to **VIDYA LATHA KONDAMARI RAMACHANDRA RAO,** vide affidavit dated 18/03/2024, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHREYA PRABHU W/o Srinivas Prabhu, aged about 41years, Residing at No.B-3096, Prestige Sunrise Park Brichwood, Neo Town Road, Near BESCOM, Golahalli, Electronic City, Phase-1, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 100, have changed my name from **PRABHU SHREYA SRINIVASA** to **SHREYA PRABHU,** vide affidavit dated 18/3/2024 sworn to before Prakasha C advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SYED ARIFF** R/at No. 636, 3rd Floor, 1st Main, Near Karnataka Medical Store Gangondanahalli, Bengaluru- 560039 have changed my name to **SYED ARIF** vide affidavit dated: 18/3/2024 Before Notary **Anitha Bai** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NAGARAJ J G, S/o.Jinnaiah, age about 47 years, Residing at : No.84, 5th Cross, Gowdanapalya, Bengaluru-61. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAGARAJ J TO NAGARAJ J G,.** vide affidavit dated 18/03/2024 sworn before advocate & Notary S.R. ThulasiKrishna,Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUNIL ESHWAR,** S/o Pittiaiah Eshwara, age 48 years, R/at No. A-1002, Mahaveer Riviera, 24th Main JP Nagar 5th Phase, Achappa Layout, Bengaluru-560 078 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUNIL ESHWARA** to **SUNIL ESHWAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUNIL ESHWAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 14th February 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **T B SABETHA** is legally wedded spouse of 1367407X Ex Hav **BELLIAPPA T M,** presently residing at No. 102, 5th Cross, Manorayan Palya, R T Nagar, Bangalore-560 032 have changed my name from **T B SABETHA** to **SABITHA BELLIAPPA,** vide affidavit dated 18.03.2024, before Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON,** Bengaluru.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, P. SANTHOSH, F/O. S.YOGESH, RESIDING AT NO. 596/1, 5TH CROSS, BHARATH MATHA LAYOUT, VENKATESHPURAM, BENGALURU-560045, STATE THAT IN MY SON'S **X STANDARD MARKS SHEET AND CERTIFICATES** MY NAME IS WRONGLY MENTIONED AS **P. SONTOSH** INSTEAD OF MY CORRECT NAME **P. SANTHOSH,** I FURTHER DECLARE THAT MY CORRECT NAME IS **P. SANTHOSH** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 05.01.2024 SWORN BEFORE NOTARY G.N.VENKATARAVANAPPA, BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) VEENA CARMEL K. J. Residing at No.19, 5th Cross, 11th Main, Akshayanagar West, off Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560068, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VEENA CARMEL K. J.** to **(NEW NAME) VEENA CARMEL DOMINGO** vide affidavit dated 18.03.2024 sworn before Notary Mohammed Hussain K Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AYESHA ANWAR** R/at No.830 C, 3rd Floor, HRBR Layout, Near Ganesha Temple, 1st Block, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru- 560043, have changed my name to **AYESHA OUBAID SHAMSHI** vide affidavit dated: 18/3/2024 Before Notary **Anitha Bai** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAJMA HARIS** Aged about 45 Years W/o **Haris.V.K**, R/at No.43, 8th Cross, Gokula 1st Stage, 1st phase, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560022 have changed my name to **NAJMA.K.P** vide affidavit dated: 18/3/2024 before Notary **G.Dayananda** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BASHIR AHMED ISMAIL,** R/at No.124/1, 15th Cross, Near Tajuddin Masjid, Govindapura, Arabic College Post, Bangalore- 560045, have changed my name to **SYED BASHIR** vide affidavit dated: 18/3/2024 Before Notary **Sharada. C** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) LEELAPUSHPAM,** Mother of NO.15322803X CHM, VIPINKUMAR A, Residing at Amboori (Vill & Post), Neyatharakara (Tehsil), Thiruvananthapuram (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 695505, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) LEELA PUSHPAM** And **DOB** from **01.09.1960** to **01.01.1960** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.03.2024 Sworn Before Notary C.V. EARAPPA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K.S. SHRAVANI,** D/o K.G. Sreenath, R/o No. 19/1, S.K. Lane, Chikka Mavalli, Basavanagudi, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 004, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **K.S. NAGA SHRAVANI** to **K.S. SHRAVANI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **K.S. SHRAVANI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th March 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SIVAKUMARA M.N.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHANKAR RAO,** S/o Sri Amitha Bai, age 48 years, R/o No. 101, 4th Main, 4th Cross, Rajivagandhi Nagara, Sampige Layout, Basaveshwaranagara, Bengaluru-560 079 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter name from **POORNITHA .S** to **POORNITHA PAWAR,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **POORNITHA PAWAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 8-2-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.K.R. KRISHNAMURTHY** at Bangalore.

NAME DECLARATION
I, **CHANDRIKA PRASHANTH,** aged Major, W/o Prashanth S.V., R/at No.390, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross Road, Shankaramma Colony, Behind Eshwara temple, Yamalur, Bangalore - 560037. Karnataka.
In my all documents mentioned my name as **"CHANDRIKA PRASHANTH"** and My S.S.L.C, PUC, MBA, Marks Cards my name is mentioned as **"CHANDRIKA.A"** above Mentioned both Names **"CHANDRIKA PRASHANTH" & "CHANDRIKA.A"** both the name belongs to me & same Person only, vide Sworn Affidavit dated **16.03.2024** before **P. Nanjunda,** Advocate and Notary Public Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **IQBAL KHAN** aged about 53 Years, S/o Late. Shafiulla Khan, R/at No.3505, Kaveri Nagar, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru- 560070 have changed my name to **AMJAD KHAN** vide affidavit dated: 18/3/2024 Before Notary **G.Dayananda** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GEETA SANJAY VHATKAR, Aged about 57 years, W/o Mr. Sanjay Bhimashankar Vhatkar, Residing at No. F4-2154, 15th Floor, Wing 2 Sobha HRC Pristine 1, Block - I, Tower II, Amruthahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 092., have changed my name from **GEETA VHATKAR** to **GEETA SANJAY VHATKAR,** vide affidavit dated 16/3/2024 sworn to before B.Chitra advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt. Yasmeen Sultana, aged about 62 years, R/A No.47, 2nd cross, V Nagenahalli main Road, Guddadahalli, Bangalore North, Bengaluru- 560032, I declare that deceased my mother's name as **"Smt. Waheeda Begum @ Wahida Begum @ Smt. Bibi Ameena.",** vide affidavit dated 18/3/2024 sworn to before Prakasha C advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GHOUSE MOHIDDIN MARRIPAS** R/at No.1836K, 6th Main, 10th Cross, 3rd Block, Al Hilal Nagar, HBR Layout, Bangalore- 560043, have changed my name to **SYED GHOUSE MODDIN (S GHOUSE MODDIN)** vide affidavit dated: 18/3/2024 Before Notary **Sharada. C** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SUSHA,** Mother of NO.15322695Y, HAV, MATHAI MV, Residing at Bhagyarama Layout, Indira Nagar, Hiluvalli (Vill), Narasimharajapura (Post & TK), Chikkamagaluru (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 577134, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SUSAMMA,** And **DOB** from **01.07.1960** to **01.01.1960** Vide Affidavit Dated 15.03.2024 Sworn Notary C.V. EARAPPA BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHWINI BHASKAR** Mother of **DINU ARYA,** Residing at No. 1004, T2, Alteeza The Promont Tata Housing, Hanumagiri, Near VB Bakery, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru-560085, Karnataka, India, have changed my Son name from **HEMANTHKUMAR DINU ARYA** to **DINU ARYA,** vide affidavit dated 18/03/2024 sworn before notary B.K.R. Krishna Murthy, Reg No.1351, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BALJEET KAUR JAGDEO** spouse of Rajinder Singh Sohal resident of C-309, 3rd Floor, Commanders Glory Apartment, Singapura Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore, Karnataka -560097, have changed my name from **BALJEET KAUR JAGDEO** to **BALJEET KAUR,** vide Affidavit Dated 312-03-2024 Before Advocate and Notary **S PRAKASH,** Reg No. 7865/09 Bangalore Karnataka.

Change of Name
I, Bharathi Lokesh, D/o M Keshavaraj, Residing at No.369, Horamavu Main Road, Near Panchamukhi Ganesha Temple, Anjanappa Layout, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560043 is hereby stating that, I hereby changed my name as **Bharathi K** in front of the **Notary Sri Uday Kumar K, Bangalore on 18.03.2024.**
In future I will called as **Bharathi K** only for all the purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTOSH KOTHAMBRI SIDDAPPA,** S/o. **SIDDAPPA K,** R/at No.2504, A BLOCK , LAKE VERANDAHS, HOUSE OF HIRANANDANI APARTMENTS, AKSHAYNAGAR, BANGALORE SOUTH-560068, have changed my minor son name from **SANCHITH SANTOSH** to **ARYANSURYA KOTHAMBRI** , vide affidavit dt:18.03.2024 before Notary **K.V. Mani,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GIRI GOVIND**, S/o Ankanahalli Venkatappa Shanmugam, R/o No. 676, 9th A Cross, 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bangalore – 560086, have permanently changed my name from **GIRI GOVIND** to **GIRI GOVIND SHANMUGAM**, vide affidavit dated 18/03/2024, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NUZHATH FATIMA FAROOK** R/at No.36, AMC Road, Near Balaji BAR, Kushal Nagar, Arabic College Post, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name to **NUZATH FATIMA** vide affidavit dated: 18/3/2024 Before Notary **Sharada. C** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **V. SOWBHAGYA,** aged 68 years, W/o. **K. Ramaiah**, residing of No.164, 7th Cross, Saraswathinagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, have changed my name from **VENKATARAMANAPPA SOUBHAGYAMMA** to **V. SOWBHAGYA** vide affidavit dated 18-03-2024 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LIDA LIS K A** (New Name), aged about 29 years, W/o. Dr Rovin C Vincent, Residing at No.670, Rovin Villa, 6th C Cross, Near Maheshwari Temple, T. Dasarahalli Post, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-560057, KARNATAKA, INDIA, have changed my name from **"LIDALIS"** to my new name **"LIDA LIS K A"** vide Affidavit Dated: 16/03/2024 duly Sworn to Before **Sri. Ramasanjeevaiah .K.V,** Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **R. PRIYA** D/o Rathinam (Army No. 2560997-Y, Rank-Ex-Nk) age 40 years, R/at No. 25, 1st 'A' Cross, Anubhava Nagar, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bangalore-560 072 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **R. PRIYA** to **PRIYA .R,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRIYA .R** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th March 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARUNA V.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Ms. KAMALA .M,** D/o. Mr. Muniraj .V, Aged about 36 years, permanent resident at # 458, 5th 'C' Main Road, Bhovi Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru - 560 079, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MONISH .V** to **MONISH .K** vide affidavit dated 07.03.2024 sworn to before R. Sulakshana, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) A.BAVITHRA, W/o. Ravi Chandran R., Unit at Army No. 3391204Y Rank-Hav, Residing at 827 A, DSC Plooton, attached to GTRE, DRDO, C.V.Raman Nagar, Bangalore - 560 093, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) A. BAVITHRA** to **(NEW NAME) BAVITHRA A** and my correct date of birth is 05.04.1982 vide affidavit dated 18.03.2024 sworn before Notary Gangaraju B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PUTUL JOYRAJ W/o PABITRA JOYRAJ aged about 43 years, Permanent residing at # VILL-RAGHUNA THIPUR POST RAGHUNATHIPUR KAKDWIP P.S. H.P COASTAL Srinagar south 24 Parganas West Bengal-743374. Presently residing at: #124, Near Poojamma Temple, Chokkanahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from **PUTUL RANI SARDER to PUTUL JOYRAJ,** vide affidavit dated 18/3/2024 sworn to before G.R.Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARUNA DEVI KRISHNA PRASAD,** C/o. **KRISHNA PRASAD BOLLINA,** R/at No.202, A BLOCK LOTUS PALACE, 6Th Avenue NEAR PRATHEEK HOMES,SARJAPURA ROAD, KASAVANAHALLI, BANGALORE SOUTH-560035, have changed my name to **BOLLINA ARUNA DEVI** vide affidavit dt:18.03.2024 before Notary **K.V. Mani,** Bengaluru.

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'PUNEETH RAJKUMAR'S BELIEF IN *O2* SERVED AS A GUIDING LIGHT'

Raghav Nayak, who has directed the film alongside Prashanth Raj under the PRK Productions banner, shares details on the film, its story and more

A still from the film

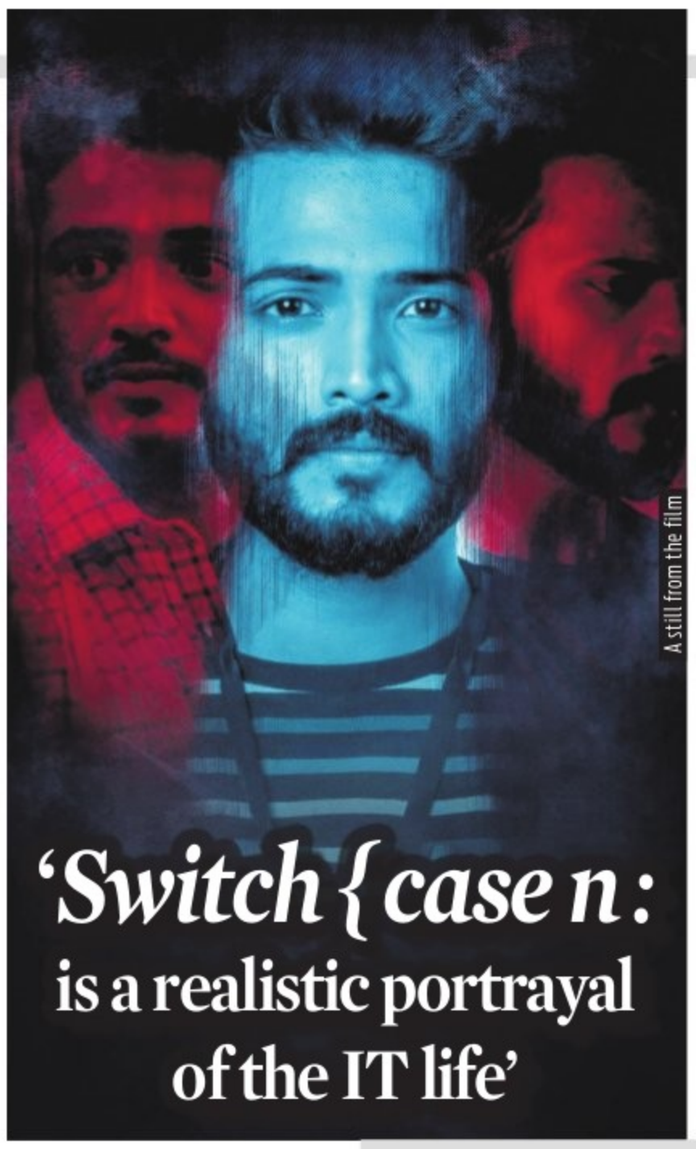
A SHARADHAA

PRK Productions, who previously made films like *Kavaludaari* and *French Biryani,* is all set for the release of their sixth venture: The medical thriller, *O2.* The film stars Ashika Ranganath and Praveen Tej in the lead roles. Scheduled to hit theatres on April 19, the makers recently unveiled a teaser of the film on Puneeth Rajkumar's birth anniversary.

O2 is directed and written by debutant duo Prashanth Raj and Raghav Nayak, both of whom are alumni of the same film school. The film delves into ethical dilemmas, forbidden experiments, and the relentless pursuit of defying mortality. The teaser offers a sneak peek into the layers of the plot, centred around a brilliant doctor's perilous journey to conquer death which is entangled in a web of love, ethics, and destiny.

Reflecting on his journey during the making of *O2,* Raghav Nayak, one of the directors, initially expressed his passion for cinema, stating, "I'm not just a student of cinema – I breathe it." Recounting his diverse experiences across various facets of filmmaking, Raghav credits the unwavering support of Puneeth Rajkumar, whose belief in the project served as a guiding light, despite the tragic loss endured during the filming process. "PRK Productions isn't just a company – it's a family," he remarks, highlighting the unwavering support that made his directorial debut a reality. "Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar's leadership, coupled with the support of executive producers Satish and Swamy, alongside my own industry experience, has ensured a seamless production journey for *O2*, and we can't wait to show the audience our film, this summer."

With an ensemble cast, *O2* stars Siri Ravikumar, Puneeth BA, Prakash Belawadi, Shreedhar, Gopal Krishna Deshpande, and theatre artiste Mohan. The film has cinematography by Naveen Kumar, with Vivan Radhakrishna composing the music.



A still from the film

'Switch { case n: is a realistic portrayal of the IT life'

Chethan Shetty an IT employee who marks his debut with an independent feature film, shares insights into the uniqueness of the film's title and more

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Chethan Shetty, an experienced IT professional, has taken a unique leap into the world of filmmaking with his debut feature film centred around life in the IT industry. With an interesting title, *Switch { case n:*, Chethan has not just helmed this project but also penned the story, screenplay, and dialogues. Through the film, the director hopes to encapsulate the essence of his own experiences and observations within the IT world, shedding light on the myriad of facets that define the lives of those working in this fast-paced domain, while offering a glimpse into the realities faced by IT professionals on a daily basis.

According to the director, the first half of the title, *Switch,* signifies software engineers seeking different jobs, transitioning from one company to another. 'Case n:' refers to programming languages, a concept familiar to software engineers.

According to Chethan, *Switch { case n:* explores the themes of friendship, politics, and relationships within the IT industry, unravelling the everyday life of the average IT employee. One of the defining aspects of the film lies in its ability to portray the harsh realities of transitioning between companies, where the dynamics of relationships and professional aspirations undergo significant transformations. "The film is an unapologetically realistic portrayal of the IT life, devoid of glamourised tropes or exaggerated narratives and offers a candid depiction of the triumphs and tribulations experienced by those within the IT ecosystem. Vijay Surya, who is playing the lead, showcases the struggles and dilemmas faced by many in similar circumstances," he says.

The film's music is composed by Bruthuva Caleb, while Prashanth Giriyappa handles the camera. *Switch { case n:* consists of an ensemble cast appearing in pivotal roles, including Shwetha Vijaykumar, Prithvi Raj, Vijay Siddaraj, and Karthik Vaibhav.

The film, set for an April 5 release, is made under the banner of Kondana Films and is led by Baby S Shetty, KM Reddy, and Sudhanshu Shankar, with Mahesh Domtirreddi contributing as one of the producers, and distributed by Sherlin Pictures.

Chethan Shetty

Bhuvanam Gaganam set for monsoon release

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Bhuvanam Gaganam, wrapped and set for a monsoon release, recently unveiled its teaser, launched by Dhurva Sarja. "*Bhuvanam Gaganam* reminded me of the song from the *Vamshi* film starring Puneeth Rajkumar. The main reason I'm here today is because of the technician Gireesh Mulimani, who worked as an associate director in *Varadanayaka* which starred my elder brother (Chiranjeevi Sarja) and Sudeep sir, and he is the director of this film. I have also worked as an associate with cinematographer Uday Leela in *Bahaddur* and *Bhajarangi*. I am glad to be part of the film with those technicians whom I was associated with in one way or another, and I am confident that they would have done an excellent job with *Bhuvanam Gaganam*," says Dhruva.

The film has Pramod and Pruthvi Ambaar as leads. "I haven't done a full-fledged love story before, and that was one of the reasons *Bhuvanam Gaganam* caught my attention. We have completed shooting, and the post-production work is going on at a brisk pace. We have also begun the dubbing process," says Pramod. The film produced by Munegowda has Gireesh Mulimani writing the story and screenplay. *Bhuvanam Gaganam* is an emotional story that deals with love, romance and family. It is a story that unfolds in both urban and rural settings. Rachel David (*Love Mocktail*) and Ponnu Ashwathi play the female leads. Achyuth Kumar, Sharath Lohithashwa, Prakash Tumminadu, Siddlingu Shreedhar, Harini, Sparsha Rekha, Prajwal Shetty, and Chetan Durga will be seen in supporting roles. Gumineni Vijay is composing the music, with Sunil Kashyap in charge of the background score.

A still from the film

Tharini set for release in March

The film, starring Mamatha Rahuth, among an ensemble cast delves into the darker aspects of the medical field

Mamatha Rahuth

A still from the film

Suresh Kotian

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Tharini, directed by Siddu Poornachandra and starring Mamatha Rahuth (*Yada Yada Hi Dharmasya, Auto Raja)*, sheds light on the sinister side of the medical industry, exposing the illegal practice of female foeticide which is driven by greed.

Siddu Poornachandra, a postgraduate in Kannada literature who hails from a rural background, initially ventured into writing and directing Kannada serials. His feature film debut, *Hemmara* (2016), received acclaim at the Bangalore International Film Festival which was followed by the well-received *Krishna Garments* (2019). Now, he is gearing up for *Tharini* which is set for release on March 29.

Dr Suresh Kotian Chitrapu, a behavioural change psychologist and an entrepreneur, who brings over a decade of filmmaking experience to the project, is bankrolling the project under the Shree Gajani Productions banner. He will also be seen in a pivotal role alongside his wife, actor Mamatha Rahuth. The ensemble cast also includes Bhavani Prakash, Sudha Prasanna, Vijayalakshmi, Pramila Subramnayam, Sunny, Tejaswini, and Manju Nanjanagudu.

With music by Ananth Aryan and editing by Deepu CS, the film's cinematography is handled by Raju Hemmigepura.

COSMIC HORROR AND HUMAN ERRORS

Actors David Cunningham, Benedict Wong, Jovan Adepo, Jess Hong, John Bradley, and Alex Sharp, delve deep into the themes of their upcoming sci-fi series, 3 Body Problem

PRASHANTH VALLAVAN

The most primal of all fears is the fear of the unknown. And what is more unknown than the infinite, indecipherable void of space? And what if an advanced alien species emerges out of that void to make first contact with the humans? While alien invasion stories are as old as cinema itself, Netflix's upcoming series adaptation of Cixin Liu's celebrated sci-fi novel, The *Three-Body Problem*, employs the unnerving threat of an alien contact to talk about human issues. Jovan Adepo explains, "What is really cool about the series is that we don't talk about the aliens themselves or even show them. It allows the audience to use their own imagination and sometimes your imagination can scare you more than anything we could show. In agreement with this notion, John Bradley adds that this is precisely the strength of the series. "I think *3 Body Problem* will recalibrate and re-evaluate the way we see alien invasion stories. Part of the cliche of alien stories is how aliens are often the bad guys and they are on this nihilistic mission to wipe us all out. I think the book and the show take a slightly different angle on that. This fear of the unknown doesn't have to be about an alien species, it could be about how we see people from other countries."

John Bradley and Jovan Adepo, along with actors Jess Hong, Alex Sharp, and Eiza Gonzalez, play the Oxford Five, a close-knit group of brilliant scientists, who inadvertently get entangled in humanity's response to the alien threat. Jess Hong reiterates Bradley's point about the story being a metaphor for the human proclivity to fear what we do not understand and proclaims that the show is more about humans than aliens. "I think what I love the most about the series is that it is not your classic alien invasion show like Doctor Who, where all these creatures come to destroy us. At its heart, *3 Body Problem* is about humanity. I think it is very philosophical and dramatic, and it uses our collective response to an alien threat as a prism to show the various ways in which we respond to fear."

Benedict Wong, who plays investigative officer Da Shi and Liam Cunningham, who plays Thomas Wade, the wealthy charismatic leader of Earth's planetary defence, throw light on the irony of filming a series about an unknown threat to humanity while going through the COVID-19 pandemic. "Filming this during the Covid breakout was very scary because we did not know how virulent this thing could be or if it could evolve into something that could wipe us all out. It divided people," says Liam Cunningham. Benedict Wong adds, "The fear of not knowing what to do about the threat, that we experienced during the pandemic, is in the very structure of the story." While certain cast members related to the story through real-world events, some like Alex Sharp employed a more direct approach; by diving into the source material. "After I read the book, I put it down and started staring out the window, contemplating the themes because the story makes you uncomfortable. It is a modern re-interpretation of HP Lovecraft's stories about existential dread. It made me anxious," he says. Bradley talks about how this anxiety around a cosmic threat mirrors how we, humans, treat each other. "We are programmed, in a self-preservation way, to see anybody who is different from us in any way, as an enemy. The book and the series go quite a long way to show how this is just a strange insecurity we have and if we were just a bit more accepting of people with differences, we might find that it is better for all of us."

Digging further into the central theme of the show, Cunningham explains that like all great science fiction, 3 Body Problem could also be interpreted as a warning for humanity. "We as a species are always facing the possibility of an existential threat. And then there is a very real possibility that we could turn on each other."